

BARRE GAZETTE

USPS 044560

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

April 23, 2020 | Vol. 186, No. 01 | \$1.00

www.barregazette.turley.com

Fire damages Quabbin Liquors

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – Thursday, April 16 at 3:20 p.m., Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center (RRECC) started receiving numerous calls reporting a building fire at 578 Summer St., in Quabbin Liquors.

RRECC immediately dispatched a first alarm assignment and updated the responding companies that they were receiving calls. Engine 4 arrived first on the scene. Firefighters reported fire showing from the first story strip mall. E4 requested a working fire assignment bringing in an extra engine from Hubbardston, an extra ladder from Rutland along with a RIT team from North Brookfield.

E4 firefighters immediately stretched an attack line into the building knocking down the majority of the fire while Ladder 1 went to the roof and performed vertical ventilation stopping the spreading fire. A water supply was established and Rte. 122 was temporarily closed down due to the supply hose from the fire hydrant across the street..

Firefighters knocked down the fire within 10 minutes. Companies were tied up for 2 1/2 hours overhauling and venting the smoke. Fire damage was confined to the liquor store. Due to the size of the building, additional mutual aid companies were brought in to assist with smoke removal and venting.

The Massachusetts State Police fire investigators assigned to the State Fire Marshalls office were requested to investigate the cause of the fire. After a thorough investigation, it was determined that fire started on the exterior of the building and was caused by improper disposal of smoking material.

There were no injuries reported. Damage to the building was estimated at \$30,000. All the businesses in the plaza were able to reopen with the exception of the Quabbin Liquors.

The first alarm consisted of Barre Engines 4, 1, 6, 5 and Ladder 1, Rescue 1 and Ambulance 1 along with 23 Barre firefighters.

Other town equipment included Rutland Tower 1, Hubbardston



Turley Publications Courtesy Photo

Flames are visible along the roofline at Quabbin Liquors, 578 Summer St., Barre Thursday, April 16.



Firefighters respond to Quabbin Liquors, located in Quabbin Plaza during a fire caused by improperly discarded smoking materials.

E2 and North Brookfield RIT. Hardwick and Westminster engines covered both empty Barre Fire Stations and were special called to the fire to assist with ventilation.

A letter from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Department of Fire Services said,

“The Barre Fire and Police Departments and State Police

assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal jointly investigated the fire. The team determined that the fire originated on the exterior of the building in an area that was littered with cigarette butts discarded before entering the store. Chief Rogowski said, “Cigarettes can smolder undetected for a long time before starting a fire, especially outdoors where a breeze can easily keep them going,”

He added, “A cigarette tossed in leaves, mulch, trash or too close to a combustible exterior of a building, can easily start a fire.”

State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said, “Business owners should provide appropriate receptacles for patrons and staff to extinguish their cigarettes and be sure to regularly maintain them.” He

See FIRE, page 5



Turley Publications Courtesy Photos by Dennis Fleming

Firefighters inspect the roof of Quabbin Liquors from a ladder truck

Selectmen say no to lease of school space

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

OAKHAM – Selectman chair Steven Labarre said leasing space at the Oakham Center School was discussed multiple times. He called for a vote and said given the current state of emergency and other time constraints, it was time to take a vote Labarre made a motion to not support the leasing of space at Oakham Center School and the motion passed at the April 2 meeting.

Highway Department budget
Highway Superintendent C. Kevin Currier presented a copy of his FY 2021 budget to the board and finance committee. He said he added a raise for his employees and himself. He said health insurance costs increased over the past couple of years. Finance committee member, Alan Flagg asked him if he felt that increase may be too much given the current economic situation. He said he understood the situation has changed since he initially put the budgets together, but he felt starting at a 5 percent increase was fair and he expected

it would come down from there.

Police detail follow up

Selectman Brad Taylor said he wanted to follow up on a concern that has come up with the billing of police details. The board agree they would like to draft a new policy that would address the outside billing concerns. Selectmen agreed to look into other town policies and Oakham’s current bylaws. They would put something together to vote at a future meeting.

Fire chief and ambulance

The board reviewed fire chief options discussed at previous meetings. The board agreed the decision would depend on how the current budget situation plays out. They also would like to further look into the ambulance operations and what an agreement with Rutland would look like moving forward.

Other business

Selectman Lucy Tessnau requested the use of the Aldan Fund for the Oakham Council on Aging to purchase supplies to send out gifts to Oakham senior

See OAKHAM, page 6

EQLT suggests outdoor activities for families

HARDWICK – The East Quabbin Land Trust has suggestions for three activities people can do with their families outside.

Hang trail markers, tags. People can pick any East Quabbin Land Trust preserve they would like to work at. They can take the family out for a hike and re-hang the boundary tags or trail markers along the way. Replace the current nails with aluminum nails and place pressure treated wood between the tree and the tag. This prevents the nails from getting sucked into the tree as it grows. The EQLT provide the materials and instructions.

Road-side clean-up. Before leaf-out is a perfect time to pick up the trash that’s accumulated along the road edges over the winter. The EQLT have yellow

bags to share. Residents should focus on their own road, or one that is a major thoroughfare in the region. Help beautify your neighborhoods for Earth Day, April 22. This is something the whole family can do together.

Cutting brush. Loopers are wonderful tools and can cut young saplings and bushes up to one inch in diameter. There are lots of places where the EQLT can’t mow and it doesn’t want trees to grow.

Take the family and spend an hour (or so) cutting brush along the edge of the Mass Central Rail Trail on Church Street in Ware. There’s plenty of space to spread out and it’s possible to see the results of the work immediately.

Anyone wanting to do these tasks should contact Cynthia Henshaw a chenshaw@eqlt.org.

QRSD gives meal update

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional School District Food Service Department is distributing breakfast and lunch for all students in the district, age 18 and under. People do not have to attend a Quabbin school to participate.

Distribution takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday while school is closed. Grab & Go breakfast and lunch will be distributed from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School in Hardwick and the Quabbin Middle and High School in Barre. Distribution will continue during April vacation.

If parents have difficulty with transportation for food pickup, they may contact the Central Office at 978-355-4668 or email schoolmeals@qrds.org.

Stitch in time fills a need

Masked Makers sew masks

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

REGION – When she heard of the mask shortage, Juli Sansoucy decided to contact several members of the orchestra she conducts, who work at UMass Memorial Medical Center about making masks.

Cloth masks are unacceptable for those dealing directly with COVID-19, but documented research said that a cloth mask is 50 to 60 percent effective. The masks are even more efficient with a filter. Later that day, Dr. Jeff Baxter, a bassoonist in the orchestra, said he could use the masks. Dr. Baxter oversees Spectrum Methadone clinics across the state and he was going to have to ration his N-95s to screen those coming into the building. He had none for the rest of his staff. Sansoucy took on the challenge. She called a quilter friend, who offered to help and to start recruiting volunteers. She said, “The next day I started the Facebook group, “The Masked Makers.” She said, “I had never run a Facebook group before so there were a few start up issues



Nurses wear masks made by Masked Makers, a group of volunteers, who sew masks.

but we’ve been growing ever since.”

“Masked Makers” quickly grew to approximately 20 sewists, a supply person and an established pick up and drop off points. The group received donations of some elastic and cotton fabric. Sansoucy said, “Some sewers are hugely productive and others sew what they can, when they can. All sewers are welcome. Everyone has their own level of sewing comfort and people self-select when it comes to mask difficulty.”

Elastic is in short supply. Sansoucy got lucky and ordered seven large spools as the country began to wake up to masking. That supply is almost gone now and the next order will not be in until mid-May. The masks use 1/8,” 1/4” or 3/8” elastic, either flat or round. Many of the makers are now sewing masks with ties as well. Other materials are cotton fabrics either with cute designs or just plain colors for the backside of each mask and of course, thread.

It takes approximately 15 to 30 minutes to make a mask



Turley Publications Courtesy Photos

These workers show approval for the masks they received from volunteers.

depending on the difficulty level. Many of volunteers are using the Deaconess Hospital pattern, which is quite simple. Here is the link to

Deaconess Mask: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9t-Bg0Os5FWQ>.

To date, Masked Makers have donated 1,043 masks and expected to deliver more on April 22 to a visiting nurse company and three eldercare communities.

The “Masked Makers” officially donated to eighteen organizations involving healthcare

workers among them were Women’s Health of Central MA, NICU and Oncology units at UMass, Harrington Hospital, St. Vincent’s, Deveraux Behavioral Health, Kennedy Community Health Center, Quaboag Rehabilitation, Tewksbury Public Hospital and last week the group gave 50 to Hannaford Supermarket in North Brookfield. In addition, many makers also made many donations of their own.

Sansoucy said, “We have

See MASKS, page 6



News of the Towns

Counting
turtles



We would love to give you or your kids a fun little project each week.

Find **TURLEY** (the turtle) our new mascot within the paper. Have fun and count how many times you find Turley.

Email your results along with your name, town and turtle count from what paper to edowner@turley.com.

We will post your name and count in the following weeks paper.

Correct answers will be submitted for a monthly drawing and a chance to win a prize.

Follow Turley on  @TurleytheTurtle

Turley the turtle is sponsored by

ANNE GOBI

Massachusetts State Senator



Lauren Moreno, D.V.M.

Annie Custer, D.V.M.

Harriet Blanton, D.V.M.

Allie Kulow, D.V.M.

Jen Williams, D.V.M.

Hubbardston Veterinary Clinic

48 Gardner Road
Hubbardston, MA 01452
Phone 978-928-4343
Fax: (978) 928-1211
www.hubbardstonvetclinic.com

REMINDER:

APRIL 30TH IS THE DEADLINE TO REMOVE STUDDED TIRES

ORIGINAL TIRE CO.

Joseph West, Prop.

SOUTH ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL 978-249-3477
OPEN MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8 A.M.TO 5:00 P.M.
SATURDAY 8 A.M.TO NOON
Service While You Wait

Stasukelis

APPLIANCE & TV

WE SERVICE ALL MAJOR BRAND APPLIANCES

NAME BRAND APPLIANCES & TV'S AT WAREHOUSE PRICES

287 Main Street
Gardner

978-632-0241

NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

Adventure tours of Warren

Share the Adventure with us!



We've Got Your Back!

Thinking to the future, we're busy making back-up plans for many of our 2020 tours. Give us a call if you have questions.

July 11 Cape Cod Canal Cruise \$99

July 18..... Block Island..... \$89

Nov 28..... New York for a Day \$89

Dec 4 Boston Pops Holiday \$125

May 28 '21 ... 7-Night Bermuda Cruise *from*... \$1399

Share the Adventure with us soon!

For further information call Randall at (413) 436-5357 or email adventuretours@att.net or go to www.adventuretoursofwarren.com

CHECK OUT ALL THE

Turley

Publications

www.newspapers.turley.com

April showers turn to snow



Turley Publications Photo by Dennis G. Fleming

Residents woke up to a blanket of snow on Saturday, April 18. This clothesline resembles a frosty spider web.

Ware art project goes forward

Creative word art sought

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – As many events in the area are falling victim to COVID-19 social distancing protocols, including Ware’s Art Week scheduled for May, Workshop13 members decided to move ahead with a series of downtown art projects.

“Cultural organizations across the state were going to have a lot of creative activities for everyone, a whole of week of just fun, and it had to be canceled due to COVID-19,” said Workshop13 Executive Director Marie Lauderdale. “We talked about it and decided a lot of what we planned could go forward, so we decided the Main Street project could still go on.”

There are three projects in the works, along with a possible fourth, she said. Just as community members came together last year and colored feather and bird art to form the #WhatLiftsYouWare wings public art, this year they are asking people to draw and decorate word art. The designs can be completed on a word art on a piece of paper. Artists can then drop it off at a box outside the entrance to BT Copy Center, which is located above Hanna Devine’s on Main Street, with an entrance door on North Street.

Dennis Craig, owner of BT’s and the restaurant, will scan all the art in and print them on special adhesive paper with ink that will stand up to the elements. “We’re just so thrilled he wanted

to be part of this again,” she said.

Those who don’t feel as if they are artistically inclined can also use coloring pages of word art that can be found through links on Workshop13’s website. They can be colored in and submitted as well.

All of the word art will be part of The Ware It’s At mural and will be located either to the left or right of the Wings community art on Main Street. Well-known fantasy artist Gary Lippincott will be taking the Wings shape in hand and repainting them as much of the art has faded or otherwise weathered by being outdoors, she said.

“We really wanted a community art project,” she said, and so the inspirational word art project

See ART PROJECT, page 6

Canterbury Tails



Veterinary
Clinic

Canterbury Tails Veterinary Clinic is a full-service clinic serving Ware and the surrounding communities. We see dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, reptiles and pocket pets. Our clinic is currently accepting new patients, and we look forward to meeting you and your pet. We hope to provide a fear-free experience for both pets and owners.

40 East Main Street, Ware, MA

413-967-4545

canterburytailsware@gmail.com

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 7:30-6pm

Tues. 12-8pm, Fri. 7:30-12 noon

Every Other Saturday 7:30-12



Like us on Facebook!



Round Town

Ellenor Downer
413-967-3505

QRSD changes meal distribution days

The Quabbin Regional School District Food Service Department is distributing breakfast and lunch for all students in the district, age 18 and under. People do not have to attend a Quabbin school to participate. Distribution takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday while school is closed. Grab & Go breakfast and lunch will be distributed from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School and the Quabbin Middle and High School. Distribution will continue during April vacation.

If parents have difficulty with transportation for food pickup, they may contact the Central Office at 978-355-4668 or email schoolmeals@qrds.org.

Interest and fees waived for Barre residents

The Treasurer/Collector’s Office announces that the Barre Board of Selectmen adopted the waiving of interest and fees for any bill according to specifics set forth by Bill H4617.

What this means for Barre residents: real estate and personal property bills remain due for May 4, 2020 however, interest and fees will be waived if paid late, provided they are paid in full by June 30, 2020. Utility and excise bills that were due April 2, 2020 will also have interest and fees waived until June 30, 2020. If taxes are not paid by this date, all interest will be added retroactive to the original due date. Any tax bills due prior to March 10, 2020 will follow normal state guidelines for interest accrual and fee processing.

Senior center director offers assistance

Anyone recently laid off due to the coronavirus may call Eileen Clarkson, HS-BCP, CDP, MS, MPA, director of the Barre Senior Center at 774-764-8702 for assistance in applying for the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Grandview Tenants Association postpones raffle and bazaar

The Grandview Tenants Association changed their annual raffle and bazaar from the beginning of June to the beginning of October this year.

Turtle count

The following people counted turtles in the April 16 Barre Gazette.

Barbara Kempski counted 7.
James and Lizzie Laramee counted 7.
There were 7 turtles in the edition.

Calling all students and teachers

The *Barre Gazette* is calling all children – everyone under 18 – to send us artwork, essays and photos. If enough children send pieces on it’s possible we could have a whole issued devoted to them. Please include full names on all submissions so we can give proper credit to the creator. Also, if photos are submitted please identify the people in the photos. Parents,the if you could forward them to us it would be appreciated.

We’re also asking teachers to send essays, artwork or photos describing what it’s like for them being home and educating students from afar.

Please send all emails to edowner@turley.com.

Stay safe. Thanks, Ellenor Downer, Editor

Barre Dining Center

Note: Only Meals on Wheels are being delivered. All dining sites are closed.

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of April 27.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Chicken pesto, lemon seasoned rice, roasted broccoli, snack n’ loaf, French bread

TUES. – Burger with chili and cheese, green beans, Red Bliss potatoes, strawberries, sandwich roll

WED. – Potato crunch fish, potatoes O’Brien, peas and onions, cinnamon streusel cake, diet = half piece, Italian bread

THURS. – Roast port loin with gravy, cranberry herb stuffing, roasted California vegetables, pear crisp, diet = pears, whole wheat bread

FRI. – Vegetable cheese bake, seasoned potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, Italian bread

*Diabetic friendly dessert

**Higher sodium entree

Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

Corrections policy

The *Barre Gazette* will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a correction, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at barrenews@turley.com or call 978-355-4000. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

News of the Towns

Hubbardston

Ellenor Downer
edowner@turley.com



Annual townwide cleanup postponed

The annual Townwide Cleanup event by Keep Hubbardston Beautiful, including bottle/can drive and electronic recycling, has been postponed to a future date. People are still encouraged to pick up litter, take “before and after” photos and post them on Keep Hubbardston Beautiful’s Facebook page with the hashtags #trashtag and #KeepHubbBeautiful.

Council on Aging

Due to COVID-19 virus the town wide yard sale will be moved up to September. The Council on Aging will start taking donations for town wide yard sale as soon as the danger of COVID-19 is over. Egg delivery day changes

Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., Hubbardston is closed until at least May 4. The day for egg delivery changed to Fridays from 8 to 11 a.m. and produce will still be available Wednesdays and Fridays with pickup outside. People may call the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 with any questions.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Note: All meetings are closed to the public and will be held remotely.

BARRE

Conservation Committee – April 28 at 7 p.m.
Historical Commission – May 4 at 7 p.m.
Felton Field Commission – May 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – May 6 at 1 p.m.
Barre Housing Authority – May 7 at 3 p.m.
Board of Health – May 11 at 5 p.m.
Water Commission – May 11 at 6:30 p.m.
DPW Commission – May 11 at 7 p.m.
Library Trustees – May 13 at 7 p.m. 21 at 7 p.m.
Sewer Commission – May 21 at 7 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee – June 9 at 7 p.m.

HARDWICK

Board of Selectmen – April 27, May 11, May 26, June 8 and June 22, July 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board – April 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Recycling Commission – May 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Health – May 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Paige Library Trustees – May 7 at 7 p.m.
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – May 11 and June 8 at 5:30 p.m. and July 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Council on Aging – May 14 at 9:30 a.m.

HUBBARDSTON

Community Preservation Committee – April 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen – April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Open Space Committee – April 28 and May 26 at 7 p.m.
Historical Commission – May 2 at 10 a.m.
Conservation Commission – May 5 at 7 p.m.
Planning Board – May 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Trustees – May 7 and May 14 at 7 p.m.

PETERSHAM

Planning Board – April 23 at 7 p.m.
Nichewaung Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – April 27 and May 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Open Space and Recreation Committee – May 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission – May 5 at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health – May 7 and My 21 at 7 p.m.
Council on Aging – May 11 at 10 a.m.
Cemetery Commission – May 14 at 7 p.m.
Petersham Historic District – May 21 at 7 p.m.

RUTLAND

Ad Hoc By-Law Committee – April 28 at 12:45 p.m.
Annual Town Election – May 11

The Barre Gazette is on Facebook.

Postponements and cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic

MOC CFCE temporarily suspended playgroups and other family events until at least May 4 Governor Baker declared a state of emergency hoping to contain the spread of the coronavirus across the Commonwealth. The Parent Child Plus program will continue to operate with your Early Learning Specialist continuing to visit with enrolled.

North Brookfield Savings Bank postponed its free five-week financial literacy program, which was scheduled from April 2 through April 30.

North Brookfield Savings Bank postponed its free homebuyers and brews homebuyers’ night scheduled for April 30 at Oakholm Brewing Co. in Brookfield.

Massachusetts 4-H programs, activities and club meeting are cancelled until further notice. This includes advisory councils, fair boards, horse advisories and events. Groups are allowed to meet virtually.

Oakham Congregational Church will not hold Sunday worship service through May 3.

Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., Hubbardston is closed until at least Tuesday, May 4. The eggs will still be available Thursdays at the same time and produce will still be available Wednesdays and Fridays with pickup outside. People may call the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 with any questions.

The Gardner Museum, following recommendations from local and state health officials and American Alliance of Museums guidelines in response to ongoing COVID-

19 prevention measures, will be closed to the public effective immediately until at least May 4.

Stage on Main, 17 South Main St., Orange has suspended all events until at least May 4 as a precaution against COVID-19.

Fobes Memorial Library in Oakham will be closed to the public until at least May 4. Library staff will be available to answer calls and assist with digital resources.

All Barre Town Buildings will be closed at least until May 4 to the public, except by appointment and include the Henry Woods Building, Woods Memorial Library, the Council on Aging (senior center), old Town Hall, the public safety building, fire stations and DPW. Please call an office before visiting in many cases staff is able to assist over the phone or by mail. Meals on Wheels program and wellness checks for seniors will continue.

The town of Hubbardston is closing all town buildings to the public until at least May 4. Offices will continue to provide services of the government to residents. The closure will result in the delivery of services remotely. All public safety operations will continue.

The Haston Free Public Library in North Brookfield library trustees decided to close the library effective immediately until at least May 4. Library staff will be on site for short periods Monday through Thursday to collect mail and respond to phone messages.

East Quabbin Land Trust postponed its 19th annual

dinner and silent auction to Saturday, Sept. 19.

The Asparagus Festival scheduled for Saturday, May 16 on West Brookfield Common has been cancelled for this year. It will return in May 2021.

EQLT rescheduled its accessible trail workday to June 21.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announced that the opening of shoreline fishing has been postponed until Saturday, May 9. Boat launch areas at these properties will also open May 9. At this time, the Quabbin Visitor’s Center is closed to the public, though the property is accessible. Those accessing the property are reminded that vehicles must exit at the posted time.

The Grandview Tenants Association has changed their annual raffle and bazaar from the beginning of June to the beginning of October this year.

Theatre at the Mount’s (TAM) lists an updated list of cancellations: Auditions for “Honky Tonk Angels” (April), Art Spiegelman lecture (April), Acting “Fun”amentals classes (March/April), Beginner and Intermediate Tap classes (April) and Musical Theatre dance classes (April). Events likely to be cancelled are: TAMY Awards Gala (May) and “Honky Tonk Angels” performances (June). At this time, “Newsies” auditions (May) and Summer Drama Camp programs (July) may happen. For questions about tickets, people may contact box-office@mwcc.mass.edu. For other issues and concerns, please contact Professor Gail Steele at g_steele@mwcc.mass.edu.

Oakham

Ellenor Downer
edowner@turley.com



Church closed until at least May 4

The Oakham Congregational Church will not hold Sunday worship services through the month of April and Sunday, May 3 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Election information

Town clerk Chris Mardirosian announced the last day to register to vote for the annual town election is Tuesday, April 28. Positions on the ballot include: a two-year term to the board of health; one position each to board of selectmen, board of assessors, board of health, library trustees, cemetery commission and school committee, all three-year terms and a five-year term to planning board. Nomination papers may be picked up during regular business hours at the town clerk’s office – Monday evenings from 6-8 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon. A minimum of 20 registered voters signatures is required. People may call the town clerk’s office at 508-882-5549, extension, 305 for more information.

Town hall

The Oakham Town Hall is closed to the public. All public meetings will be physically closed to the public. The Oakham Police Department and Fire Department will always respond immediately to all 911 emergencies.

Fobes Memorial Library

The Fobes Memorial Library will be closed to the public through at least May 4 at which time the situation will be re-assessed. Library staff will be available to answer calls and assist with digital resources.

USDA grants available

AMHERST — The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced up to \$200,000 of funding available in Massachusetts for eligible individuals, local and state governments, non-governmental organizations and tribes through Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG). These grants are intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection.

The deadline to submit an application for CIG is 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 13, 2020. To apply, people may visit Grants.gov for the 2020 Announcement of Program Funding, funding opportunity number USDA-NRCS-MA-CIG-20-GEN0010776.

“Conservation Innovation Grants are critical for developing science, technology and innovative tools to address natural resource concerns on Massachusetts’s private working lands,” said Dan Wright, Massachusetts State Conservationist for NRCS. “CIG will benefit agricultural producers by providing more options for environmental enhancement and compliance with federal, state, and local regulations.”

Projects must be within Massachusetts and in conjunction with agricultural production. They may be area-based or statewide in scope. Applicants submitting proposals may request up to \$200,000 of matching federal funds. CIG recipients must provide a non-federal funding match at least equal to the amount of federal funding requested. The non-federal match can be cash, in-kind or a combination of both.

The proposal must involve Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) eligible producers and should demonstrate the use of innovative technologies or approaches to address a natural resource concern in one of the following categories: soil health, water quality and outreach to underserved populations.

These grants do not fund research projects. The program is designed to aid the adoption of measures that have been sufficiently studied to indicate a high likelihood of success. The overall goal is to incorporate new innovations into NRCS technical manuals and make them available to the agricultural community.

*Places to go...
Things to do...*

Barre Family Pharmacy

547 Summer Street, Barre
978-355-2359

Call Today for an
Easy Prescription Transfer

After Hours: 508-864-6540
mybarrepharmacy.com

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.;
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

McNeely Tree Service

Insured • References

- Hazardous Tree Removal
- Stump Grinding
- Bobcat Work
- Lot Clearing
- Furnace Wood
- Storm work
- Firewood \$220/cord
- 101 ft Aerial Lift Rental POR

H: 508-867-6119 • C: 413-324-6977



Red Tomato PIZZA & RESTAURANT

~ Special Offerings ~

Family Style Dinners

Serves 5-6 People.

All served with Garlic Bread

Choices: \$22.95

1. Chicken Parmigiana over Pasta
2. Baked Cheese Tortellini
3. Baked Cheese Ravioli
4. Baked Penne Pasta

Pizza Special \$14.99

Sorry No Substitutions on Toppings

2 Large Pizzas with
Mozzarella & Pepperoni
with a 2 Liter Soda

None of the specials can be combined with any other offers. Thank you.

PLEASE ORDER BY NUMBERS

#1 2 Large
Cheese Pizzas
\$14.00

#3 2 Large
1 Topping Pizzas
& Free 2 Liter Soda
\$17.00

NO SUBSTITUTIONS, NOT TO BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER OFFERS. TAKE OUT ONLY.

We wish everyone good health and
good luck during these difficult times.

11 Exchange Street, Barre
978-355-3536

Open Sunday - Thursday 10:00am -9:00pm
Friday & Saturday 10:00am-10:00pm

WHITCO WILL REMAIN OPEN as we are deemed an essential provider.

If you need anything please stop in or call 508-885-9343.

Washers, dryers, refrigerators, dishwashers, stoves, freezers for same-day pickup or next-day delivery and of course toys and bikes for the kids!

MATTRESS
SALE!

TWIN Reg. \$299
NOW \$199
FULL Reg. \$499
NOW \$299
QUEEN Reg. \$599
NOW \$299

WEBER
GRILL
SALE



FRIGIDAIRE
4 Piece
Stainless Steel
Appliance Package
\$1799

Spring
Black Friday
Pricing
On All
Appliances

55" SAMSUNG
Reg. \$499
\$369.99

FRENCH DOOR
ICE AND WATER
REFRIGERATOR
Reg. \$1499
\$1499.99

18 CU. FT.
REFRIGERATOR
Reg. \$599
\$569.99

DELUXE TOP LOAD
WASHER
Reg. \$399
\$399.99

SAMSUNG DELUXE
GAS STOVE
Reg. \$799
\$629.99

GE FRONT LOAD
WASHER
Reg. \$699
\$649.99

SAMSUNG
65" 4K TV
Reg. \$599
\$499.99

1700 LG
WASHER
OR DRYER
Reg. \$749
\$649.99

FAMOUS MAKER
GAS OR ELECTRIC
RANGE
Reg. \$499
\$429.99

KITCHENAID
DISHWASHER
Reg. \$599
\$599.99

MAYTAG
TOP
WASHER
Reg. \$499
\$449.99

LG SELF CLEANING
SMOOTH TOP
Reg. \$649
\$549.99

40" SMART TV
Reg. \$299
\$199.99

FRENCH DOOR
BOTTOM FREEZER
Reg. \$1499
\$1199.99

DELUXE ELECTRIC
DRYER
Reg. \$399
\$399.99

OVER THE RANGE
MICROWAVE
OVEN
Reg. \$249
\$189.99

DELUXE
DISHWASHER
Reg. \$399
\$329.99

BIKE SALE
WE REPAIR BIKES

Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10am-8pm
Sunday Noon-7pm
140 Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-9343

TO ADVERTISE IN THE BARRE GAZETTE,
CALL TIM MARA AT 978-355-2254

Opinion

Guest Column

Social Security matters

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Why are our Medicare premiums different?

Dear Rusty: What is the Medicare monthly payment based on? I pay \$139.60, my husband pays \$144.60, a friend pays \$136.60. I receive \$388 per month in Social Security, my husband receives \$1,200, and my friend receives \$1,000 per month. There seems to be no rhyme or reason for the amount we pay. Signed: Curious to Know

Dear Curious: It may not seem so, but there is actually “rhyme or reason” to the amount of everyone’s Medicare premium. I’ll try to explain.

Each year Medicare determines a standard premium amount for Part B – coverage for doctors and other outpatient services. For 2020, the standard premium is \$144.60; last year it was \$135.50. Higher earners may even pay more, as a supplemental amount is added to the base Part B premium if someone’s income exceeds certain high clip levels set by Medicare. In short, those with high income pay a higher (than standard) Medicare premium. The rest of us pay the base \$144.60 amount, unless the “hold harmless” provision is in play.

The “hold harmless” provision is a law passed by Congress to prevent Social Security benefit payments from decreasing as a result of an increase in the Medicare premium (most Medicare premiums are deducted from Social Security benefit payments). The disparity in premiums you refer to results from the hold harmless provision, which also permits all or part of a Social Security cost of living adjustment (COLA) to be applied to your Medicare premium increase, instead of going to you.

Here’s what can happen: If the Medicare premium goes up in any year, some (or all) of your annual Social Security COLA increase can be used to pay for your monthly Medicare premium increase. But, if the COLA increase to your Social Security benefit isn’t big enough to cover the entire Medicare premium increase, your net benefit stays the same and your Medicare premium amount becomes whatever level your COLA increase brings it to (up to the base premium for that year). That means that your Medicare premium could be lower than the standard Medicare Part B premium for the year.

Since the dollar value of a COLA increase varies according to the size of your Social Security benefit, those with a higher benefit may receive a COLA increase which more than covers the Medicare premium increase and the remainder is given as additional Social Security benefit. But those with a lower benefit will get a smaller COLA, which may not be enough to cover the increase in the Medicare premium. In that event, the Social Security benefit stays the same and the COLA is used to bring the Medicare premium up to, or closer to, the base premium amount. If the COLA doesn’t cover the entire Medicare premium increase, the premium stays at a lower-than-base number. And this recurs every year, which results in many people, especially those with a smaller Social Security benefit amount, paying a different (smaller than base) Medicare premium amount.

Here’s an example: If your husband’s Social Security benefit is \$1,200/month, he got a \$19.20 COLA increase for 2020 (1.6 percent). The Medicare premium for 2020 went up by \$9.10, which was taken from his COLA increase. The remaining \$10.10 of his COLA increase was added to his SS benefit amount

If your benefit is \$388 your COLA increase was \$6.20 (1.6 percent). That \$6.20 COLA wasn’t enough to cover the \$9.10 Medicare premium increase, but it was applied to your previous Medicare premium amount to bring you to a Medicare premium of \$139.60. Your net Social Security payment stayed the same because your current benefit cannot be used to pay for the rest of the premium increase. But \$5 of any COLA increase you get next year will go toward bringing you up to the base Medicare premium amount. While this may not fit your idea of “rhyme or reason” it is, nevertheless, based upon a well-intentioned “hold harmless” rule which protects your Social Security benefit from decreasing.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation’s staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

As a free service for our readers, we will print all births, weddings, engagements, milestone anniversaries, major birthdays, military achievements, honors and awards. We have a “people news” form available for you to submit these listings. This material is provided to us by our readers and local institutions and we do not charge to print this content. For more information, or to submit people or milestone news for the Barre Gazette, please email edowner@turley.com.

A TURLEY PUBLICATION
www.turley.com

PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID AT BARRE, MA
The Barre Gazette is a weekly newspaper published every Thursday by Barre Gazette, Inc., with offices located at 5 Exchange St., Barre, MA 01005 and at 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069. Telephone at 978-355-4000 or FAX at 978-355-6274. USPS number is 044-560. Postmaster: Send address changes to: Barre Gazette 24 Water St. Palmer, MA 01069 \$1.00 per copy
Subscription rate: \$33 for one year, \$44 for two years
Out of State: \$38 for one year, \$54 for two years

MLB hopes to play in May...



In Past Pages

5 years ago (April 23, 2015)

Zachary “Zach” Glidden of Barre became the 68th Boy Scout from Barre Troop 26 to earn Eagle rank since the troop’s inception. He joins about two percent of the Boy Scouts that achieve Eagle in this country. He is the son of Richard and Ellen Glidden of Barre. The troop held a Court of Honor for Zach on April 12. Eagle Scout Jeff Degnan moderated. Troop leader and Eagle Scout Richard Stevens gave the Eagle Charge. Guest speakers included State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, who presented him with a citation on behalf of the House of Representatives, Barre Police Chief Erik Demetropoulos, Selectman Richard Jankauskas, teacher Denise Martinelli and Scout leaders Gary Pearson and Walter Lindsey. Glidden decided to wash the marble gravestones in the major cemeteries in the town of New Braintree, where his father grew up and his paternal grandparents live.

Karen DiFranza of Hubbardston recently received the Central Mass. Municipal Recycling Council Recognition Award. The award states that she “Led the way for School Composting/Gardening and share knowledge with hundreds of students.” Since 2005, DiFranza has created school composting and gardening programs in the Quabbin Regional School District. She first started a program at the Hubbardston Center School, then moved on to found a similar program at Quabbin Regional High School, collaborating with EQUAL and Listening Wellness Center. In both programs, student volunteers collect cafeteria leftovers each day and bring them to compost bins on site. The leftovers become rich compost to fertilize organic gardens at the schools that produce fresh vegetables for cafeteria use. DiFranza has worked with many school systems throughout the state to replicate these programs in their schools. Her business, Hands to Earth, offers consulting to schools and other institutions and recently helped the North Brookfield schools begin composting and gardening there.

Quabbin senior Miriam Wood placed first in the 100 and 400 meters as they fell to Westborough, 73.5-71.5, on April 15.

10 years ago (April 29, 2010)

Barre’s first class Boy Scout Collin Fleming, recently took it upon himself to right a wrong. He saw that some vandals put swastikas on the Barre Little League’s electronic scoreboard at Felton Field where he used to play baseball. Along with the help of his dad, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 26, Dennis Fleming, they got permission from the sponsor of the scoreboard, Barre Savings Bank, to clean the scoreboard with cleaners that would take off the symbols without damaging the sign. Collin spent a Saturday morning before the opening day of Little League to complete the project. Troop 26 also cleaned up the entrance to Felton Field, raking around the large stone marker. Scouts Clay Degnan, Zach

LOOK BACK

Winslow Sawyer Retires - 2001



After recovering somewhat from the shock of his surprise retirement party, Winslow Sawyer gets a corsage from Theresa Mongeau. Sawyer has worked in the music department at Quabbin Regional High School for 34 years. He has been a department head for the last 20 years.

Glidden, Collin Fleming, Joe and Mike Caruso completed the work with Scoutmaster Jeff Degnan and Assistant Scoutmaster Dennis Fleming.

The Woods Memorial Library is fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers helping with daily operations during the 2009-2010 school year. The library staff recently honored this group during National Volunteer Week. This year’s volunteers include students from Quabbin Middle School, Quabbin High School, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, a homeschooler and a retired librarian. Several began helping out at the library just this year, while others have been contributing their time weekly for years. Volunteers include Joe Hood, Theresa Tremblay, Stephanie Caruso, Thomas Emery, Tyler Wolanin, Elinor Allen, Jessie Arsenault, Conner Bailey, Michael Baldino, Cole Troisi and Emily Schmitz.

This year’s town reports are out, and North Brookfield’s military veterans were invited to a surprise ceremony in their honor at Tuesday’s selectman’s meeting. The annual report is dedicated to “our heroes,” and John Ingemi, Trustee and Past Commander of North Brookfield’s VFW post, also a Life Member of the American Legion Post and Tim Nason, Commander of the American Legion post, accompanied by members of both organizations, stepped forward to be presented copies of the new reports.

25 years ago (April 27, 1995)

Bishop Daniel Reilly administered the Sacrament of Confirmation on a group of young people at St. Joseph’s Church in Barre on April 10. They are: Nicole Deschenes, Carolyn Mucha, Allison Peltier, Emily Deschamps, Jennifer Cirelli, Elizabeth Doyle, Caitlin Woodward, Justin Kelley, Gregory Lam, Jason Molesky, Sheila Cooper, John Derr, Susanne McLellan, David Truedson, Brian Mknaitis and Vernon Flynn. The teacher was Robert Desilets of Wheelwright.

Last week the Quabbin Varsity Softball team came from behind to

take the Lunenburg Blue Knights by a score of 18-10. Leading the way offensively were Patty Rich with 5 hits and Marissa Mertzic, Liz Kupiec and Carrie Kuprycz with 2 hits apiece. Also making a solid contribution was Kim VanWert, who hit a grand slam to help power the Panthers. This year’s team is led by Senior Captains Carrie Kuprycz, catcher and Molly Wallace, third base. Juniors include Patty Rich, pitcher and shortstop along with Marissa Mertzic, second base. Sophomores are Carolyn Mucha, pitcher and shortstop; Melissa Shamgochian, centerfield; Liz Kupiec and Jen Griggs, first base; Ryan Mesch, second base; Catrine Gearhart, third base; Kelly Millier and Amber Fleming, rightfield. Freshman include Kim VanWert, rightfield and Melissa Baird, pitcher and leftfield.

Jessica Goodfield, a senior at Quabbin Regional High School, has been awarded the Dairy Fashion Scholarship and the Alumni Association Scholarship at SUNY Cobleskill. Jessica, the daughter of Robert and Joanne Goodfield of Hardwick, will be entering SUNY Cobleskill this fall as an animal science major. Scholarship selection was based on Jessica’s academic performance in high school and her involvement in a wide range of activities. Jessica is a member of student government, student advisory council, and also served as a homeroom representative. She was a very active 4-H club member and officer. She was a member of the National Dairy Quiz Bowl and the National Dairy Judging Team. She was also active in concert chorus, Quabbin Singers and served as high school choir sectional leader. Her athletic activities, included track and basketball. She was selected as Massachusetts All-Star Track and was given the Student Athlete Scholastic Achievement Award. Jessica was very active in NJROTC. She was squad leader, platoon commander and executive officer. She was on the drill team and received the DAR Medal. During her senior year, she was a member of the yearbook staff and served as adver-

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I wondered just what I could do today that would get Missy upset. I like to annoy her sometimes, but then I have to be good too or no weekly special treats.

What to do? I know Missy was cleaning in the spare bedroom this week. I think I will check and see if there is anything to bat around. Yep, she left the vase with the artificial flowers down on the coffee table by the window. I’ll just jump right up there and move it around a bit. Did I say a bit? Well, the darn thing tipped over with my first swipe and is rolling toward the edge of the table. Whoops, over it went. Alas, I am saved. It hit the scatter rug that I often slide on when I dash into the room to hide from someone.

I like to cuddle with Missy at night and during the day when she decides to read. I get up on the magazine rack by her chair and rub her elbow until she stops reading and pets me for a few minutes. Then I circle around and lie down on the rack and start to purr to her.

Everyone says I have a very loud purr that can be heard across a room. I like to purr when guests come to visit and pet me. At night, I sometimes drive Missy crazy before I shout off my purr and go to sleep.

In the morning if it is getting a little after my breakfast time 5:30 to 6 a.m. I just bunt her shoulder and lightly pat her cheek. She usually wakes up then, but sometimes she doesn’t get right up. Then, I have to be patient and hope for something to eat soon.

After breakfast this morning, I strolled into the computer room and found the bottom drawer of the file cabinet slightly open. Of course, I was curious as to what was in the drawer and proceeded to pry it open enough so I could drag out some papers. O boy, what a mess, I’m in trouble.

Stay healthy folks.

Love,
Gertrude



2020 Turley Election Policy

This newspaper will print free self-submitted statements of candidacy only four weeks or more out from the election. All candidates running in both contested and uncontested races are asked to submit their statements to the editor to include only biographical and campaign platform details. Total word count for statements is limited to between 300-500 words maximum. Please include a photo. We will not publish any statements of candidacy inside the four weeks from election threshold. To publish any other campaign publicity during the race, please contact our advertising representatives. We also do not allow personal attacks against other candidates or political parties in statements of candidacy, nor do we publish for free any information about key endorsements or political fundraisers.

Letters to the editor of no more than 250 words from supporters endorsing specific candidates or discussing campaign issues are limited to three total per author during the election season. No election letters will appear in the final edition before the election. We reserve the right to edit all statements of candidacy and letters to the editor to meet our guidelines.

Turley Publications Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor should be 350 words or less in length. No unsigned or anonymous opinions will be published. We require letter writers to include his or her town of residence and home telephone number. We must authenticate authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous or contain unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, defamation of character and offensive language. All unknown or alleged facts and quotations offered by the author need to cite credible, unbiased sources. Send letters to: Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005 or via email to edowner@turley.com. The deadline for submissions is Friday at noon.

BARRE GAZETTE

The Barre Gazette (USPS 044560) is published every Thursday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069.

PATRICK H. TURLEY
CEO

KEITH TURLEY
President

EDITOR
Ellenor Downer
edowner@turley.com

STAFF WRITER

ADVERTISING SALES
Tim Mara
tmara@turley.com

SPORTS EDITOR
Greg Scibelli
sports@turley.com

SOCIAL MEDIA



@ Barre Gazette

WEB

www.barregazette.turley.com

Turley Publications, Inc.
www.turley.com

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Two snowstorms in one week. We don't need any more "poor man's fertilizer." The poor daffodils are just blooming and having a hard time staying upright.

I worked in the gardens and put lime on the lawn. I also put mulch around the hosta plants in the hosta bed and around the bushes. That was done on the days that were about 50 degrees.

I worked on a lot of facemasks using the fabrics and elastic that I had. I did have to go the pharmacy to get my prescriptions as they don't have delivery service. I wore a mask and went straight in and out when it was not busy.

Here is a recipe I plan to make with a pound of hamburger.

MEAT BALL STEW

1 lb. ground beef
1 cup chopped onions
4 cups hot water
1 cup sliced carrots
1 cup diced celery
1 cup diced potato
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 beef bouillon
1 bay leaf
pinch of basil
1 large can whole tomatoes (I will use some I have in freezer)

Brown beef slowly in hot fat in a heavy kettle. Add onions and cook 5 minutes. Loosen meat from bottom of kettle. Add remaining ingredients except tomatoes. Bring to boil, cover and simmer 45 minutes. Add the tomatoes and simmer 15 minutes more.

Note: I don't know why they call this meat ball stew as the meat is not made into balls.

This and That

Are you finding enough to do while you have to stay home? I did take out my summer sandals and shoes and put away my winter ones. I also took out some short sleeve tee shirts and put away some of the

winter ones. I left some of each out as the weather is so changeable.

My friends from North Carolina sent me pictures of their roses, clematis and irises that are in full bloom. I was very jealous.

Ken has planted some of his vegetable seeds in flats. He is anticipating a vegetable garden.

I have two daughters that are school teachers in different districts. One had April vacation and one didn't. They both have to teach from home. One daughter has been making videos for her students and she sends them to me. One was about her working in her greenhouse and planting seeds. She always tries to make it a little funny for the children so at the end she had a plant covered with a paper bag. She took the bag off and said to the children, "Oh look what I grew in my greenhouse....

an Oreo cookie plant." When she had a video of collecting the eggs in her hen house in the last nest she said, "oh look the chickens have laid some Oreo cookies." Of course she had placed them there ahead of time. When she was a student at Quabbin High School, she was voted the most comical student. She always liked a good laugh.

In this time of such stress, everyone needs a good laugh. One of my friend's wrote

this.... a senior citizen told her " I never thought I would ever see the day that I would be going into a bank for money with a mask on." Most banks are using drive through services only.

I hope you are all staying home and staying safe. We are lucky to live in the country and can roam in our backyards. I often think of the people, who live in New York, no yards, don't know how to cook and were used to going out to eat in restaurants. They are having a hard time adjusting.

It is interesting to see what they are doing on television, working from home. Someone said there are going to be fewer blonds and a lot more gray-haired ladies. Parents are getting to know their children and vice versa. There are some good things happening. Have a good week.

In it together but separately



Turley Publications courtesy photo

NEW BRAINTREE – Suellen Stott, of New Braintree, made sure her snowmen were practicing social distancing just like everyone else.

Social distancing time-out!

horoscopes

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, reach out to someone who can help take some tasks off of your shoulders and help lighten your load. Realize you don't have to do everything yourself.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you might not be able to balance your budget this week, but you can still create a big picture analysis of where you want to be financially in the weeks ahead.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Your confidence and power of persuasion are elevated this week, Gemini. Any self-doubt will disappear so you can focus on things you want to accomplish.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you are erecting a protective shell around yourself. There doesn't seem to be any conflict on the horizon, so let your guard down and let others in.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

You have a strong magnetic force about you this week, Leo. If you are looking for love and romance, now may be the time to attract someone new or reignite a preexisting spark.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you may not have realized that you have been hibernating away, but it is time to greet the world again. Focus on invites to any and all social events.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, this is a good week to put into practice the "work smarter not harder" mantra. Figure out what needs to get done and then put the people best suited to the jobs on it.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

It has been some time since you've let your hair down and had a good time, Scorpio. Push responsibilities aside for the time being and throw caution to the wind with friends.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

You may need to clear the air with someone close to you, Sagittarius. Try to figure out a good time to have a heart-to-heart discussion in the next few days.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Focus on the people who lift your spirits, Capricorn. These people can help you get through tough times and reinspire the self-confidence that has made you such a success to date.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

The spotlight is on your finances, Aquarius. Looks for ways to grow your savings so you can achieve some of your goals. It may take a few months to see real progress.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

It is time to update your brand, Pisces. That means reinventing yourself. Refresh your résumé and revamp your wardrobe.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to poetry.

ETEMH

Answer: Theme

Guess Who?

I am a professional wrestler and actor born in Massachusetts on April 23, 1977. I worked as a chauffeur while pursuing a career in bodybuilding. Although I'm not really a doctor, a previous nickname suggested I was.

Answer: John Cena

WORDS & VERSE WORD SEARCH

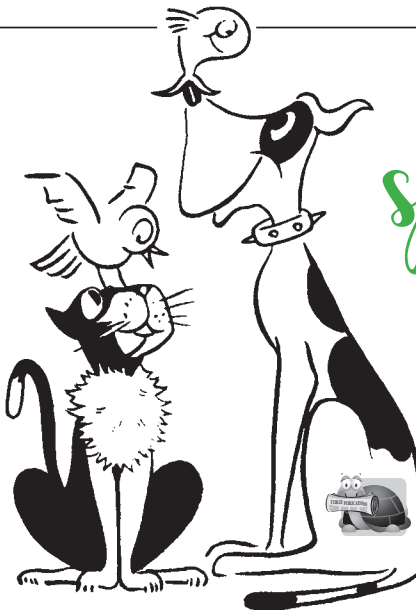
W R L I N E S H O S S Q I S R C L M M H
R E P E A T L B T O Y I T E L P U O C G
N V F R E T E M R I U R S Y O H I P V H
G O M T F A Y N B S M H D A R C Q J P Q
C F U O M Y W N F Y T R E Q H T T G V R
B A L L U S I O N L P Y H M I P E G T B
C S F Y P I O S J L Q I Q H U A M O S C
L A U L D T R H I A L A P M L P M E P A
B I E O I H W H I B V M P L T E E S L S
S U N S Y W Q P H L E B I N U W T A S S
O D O M U B P C W E A T E D I I C J Q O
M A E Q D R A W S S E M I R A I L H W A
G P V S R N A T G R B N E S R E V A F N
M Q I L A F O D A M F L I T I H N N L N
Y R I P C H T T A O P Q E N L P R A R C
A D E P J D I J J Q F M E T O U Q P L E
R S J E P O N G E P I G R A P H P H W O
T J B H N E G N I T I R W R E A O O Y R
A G H P U N C T U A T I O N N Q Q R I S
N I J W W M P J D N I J D W D G V A I I

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ALLITERATION
ALLUSION
ANAPEST
ANAPHORA
ASSONANCE
CAESURA
COUPLET
EMPHASIS
END
ENJAMBMENT
EPIGRAPH
FOOT
IAMB
LINES
METER
METRICAL
POETRY
PUNCTUATION
QUOTE
REPEAT
RHYME
SYLLABLES
VERSE
WRITING

			2	1		7	
		1		5	9	3	2
					9	1	4
7				6		1	5
		9	2	7			8
		8		4	5	7	2
3	8				7		
	1		6			4	7
2		6		9			3



Happy
spring

answers for the week of 4/15

6	3	9	2	8	7	5	4	1
4	5	7	3	9	1	8	6	2
1	2	8	6	4	5	9	3	7
2	8	6	7	1	3	4	5	9
9	1	3	5	6	4	7	2	8
7	4	5	9	2	8	3	1	6
5	6	2	4	7	9	1	8	3
8	7	4	1	3	6	2	9	5
3	9	1	8	5	2	6	7	4

ANSWERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKS PAPERS

Our advertisers make this publication possible.

Let them know you saw
their ad in the

Barre Gazette



FINANCIAL EDUCATION
RESOURCES DURING COVID-19
#KeepLearningAlive

Member FDIC | Member DIF

countrybank

Learn more about remote learning resources at:
www.countrybank.com/covid19

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Barre. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, April 27 The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Paul Carlson, Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Sandy Fritscher, Rosemary Horan, Barbara Laborde, Raul Laborde, Judy Ruskowski and Phillip Warbasse correctly identified last week's photo. Last week's photo was Massachusetts State Grange Albert J. Thomas Library Museum on Rte. 122 in Rutland.

MASKS, continued from page 1

approximately 30 participants, but about 18 who are heartily sewing every week."

People that do not sew may donate 100 percent cotton fabric as well as the three types of elastic 1/8," 1/4" or 3/8" elastic, either flat or round. Any sewist who would

like to join or someone wishing to donate materials may contact her at jesansoucy@charter.net. At that time, she will invite them to the face book group. Absolute rank beginners as well as accomplished seamstress are welcome. Sancsoucy said, "This is a great way to spend your idle time and feel as if you are helping with the cause"

She said, "With the recent need for masks, there is also the need for our group to be protected as a resource. We have had requests for masks that were at best 'sketchy.' At this point, we are requiring official requests from the institution or the person making the request must be known to one of our makers. Official IDs also work."

OAKHAM, continued from page 1

residents. Labarre and Taylor moved and seconded the motion. Tessnau abstained from the vote.

COVID-19 update

At the April 6 meeting, board of health member Aaron Langlois gave the board an update on the COVID-19 response as it pertains to Oakham. He said the town's funding from MEMA has been increased to \$5,000 and more may still be released. Langlois said that at this point the board of health had not purchased any Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) because the town fortunately did not have a huge need for it at the moment. He said that in the next two week there will continue to be a surge in cases.

Labarre asked him if there was a shelf life to the funding availability and spending. Langlois said he was unaware of one at this time. There was a brief discussion about the board of health funding in the

future and the option of a revolving account.

Police appointment

Police Chief Fred Gehring stated that former police officer, Matt Maderosian, has returned from the military and would like to rejoin the Oakham police department. Chief Gehring said he could use the extra patrol officer to cover some shifts. The board unanimously voted to appoint Matthew Maderosian to the Oakham Police department as recommended by Chief Gehring.

Library budget

Library Director, Samantha Bodine said she had submitted this budget before the current state of emergency and understands that the towns financial situation may have changed. She said if level funding is what is needed, the library would be able to make it work.

Bodine said that her increase in the wages line is part of the four-year plan to increase the staffing. She said she has been paying any excess from the trust fund so the

library was halfway there with the salary increase.

She said there was an increase in her lending materials line because they are required to spend 20 percent of their budget on lending materials and with the salary increase, they have to increase that line by the amount listed.

Labarre asked her if the \$14,900 was sufficient for maintaining their Library collection. She said it was and that they don't need to expand the collection, but use the funds to update it.

Town accountant

Taylor asked town accountant Tom Wilson what his thoughts were on the upcoming budget.

Wilson said he can't be sure until he sees all the request numbers, but given the state of the economy and the country at this point it will be important to be conservative with any budget increases at all.Labarre agreed the town may have to go with level funding this year.

ART PROJECT, continued from page 2

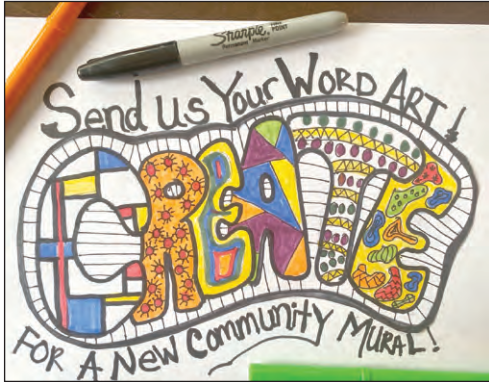
was born. Just as with the Wings project, the Workshop13 members will figure out how all the submissions fit together to make a piece of art, she said. "We'll make sense of it all," Lauderdale said.

She said she remembers children gathering while she and others were putting up last year's project. "Their excitement when they found theirs was just so great," Lauderdale said.

Another project will be eight or so Workshop13 artists such as Lauderdale, Cindy Allen Bourcier, Jill Spielberg, Loretta Medeiros and Althea Keaton, who are painting their versions of masterpieces such as the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci. There will be humorous twist however as each will have a bubble thought painted on it that fits into the theme of "Where? Ware!"

"We're going to have a lot of fun with it and we hope the community does too," Lauderdale said, giving credit for the masterpiece idea to Barre artist Pam Spielberg.

"I had an idea, shared it with Marie (Lauderdale) and she took it and ran with it," said Spielberg. "She's making it happen."



Workshop13 Executive Director Marie Lauderdale and her children made this word art as an example for members of the community to make their own art, which will be joined together in a community art project.

Turley Publications courtesy photo

Spielberg is still working on her chosen masterpiece, Vincent Van Gogh's Self Portrait in Gray Felt Hat, which is harder to replicate than she thought it would be," she said.

"With this quarantine it gives us all some extra time to work on them," she said. "I think this is really going to be fun, and will show the community in the best possible light. I really like the community aspect of it and being involved in it. We're taking a chance with it and I hope people enjoy the humor of it."

Ware artist Cindy Allen Bourcier is painting the Mona Lisa and loves that there will be an educational side to the masterpieces as well as lots of fun. There will be a card about each masterpiece so people

can learn a little history about it and the painter, she said.

"It's a great project," Bourcier said. "It makes a positive kind of statement about the community,"

There may be a fourth art project although it isn't certain yet but Roc Goudreau, who also has animation skills, may draw characters, which would be put on banners and displayed in the windows of the second floors of some Main Street buildings near the community art project.

These public art installations will go up when the stay at home order is lifted. Community members can contribute by submitting word art or making a donation to Workshop13 at www.workshop13.org.

Teens, Tweens, and Quarantines

A Virtual Parent Forum

Learn about the impact of COVID-19 on youth mental health and what parents can do to provide support. Discuss practical approaches to parenting, the signs of stress, anxiety, and depression, and how we can help our youth navigate home, family, friends, and school.

Presented by Jon Mattleman from Minding Your Mind with support from Kristal Cleaver, Director of Community Education from Clinical Support Options.

Tues., April 28
4:00pm

Register at:
mindingyourmind.org/TTQ-SPIFFY

Questions? Email:
hwarner@collaborative.org



MINDING
YOUR MIND

www.mindingyourmind.org





sports@turley.com



@turleysports



facebook.com/turleysports

SPORTS

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

SEND US YOUR SPORTS SUBMISSIONS

www.sports.turley.com

Prospects of spring season looking bleak

By Gregory A. Scibelli
gscibelli@turley.com

REGION – As the state celebrates Patriots Day along with the spring vacation week where many spring teams would normally be playing baseball and lacrosse games at 11 a.m. and 12 noon rather than the tradition 4 p.m. starts, there is nothing happening on any fields this week.

The MIAA's Board of Directors, in conjunction with guidance and recommendations made by the Tournament Management Committee, head into a crucial week seeking to start the spring season on May 4.

However, that start date is con-

tingent on Gov. Charlie Baker starting the process of "opening the state back up."

Unfortunately, with time waning, and guidance from the federal government, it does not appear as though Massachusetts will be opening up, specifically for classes, on May 4. No school means no spring sports for athletes across the state.

Massachusetts is not among the nearly 30 states in the nation that has shut down school for the remainder of the academic year. Baker has said he does not want to shut schools down for the remainder of the year and was hopefully to get students back into the classroom even for a short period of time.

However, the MIAA's current plan for a 12-game slate and sectional playoff run is contingent on schools being re-opened on May 4. Another delay, which would likely be a minimum of two weeks in length, would be catastrophic to the plan.

"We (the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference) came up with a modified schedule for the shortened season," said Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton, a member of the PVIAC Board of Directors. "But it could up being a futile exercise."

Time is running low, but Baker has yet to make a call on whether or not the stay-at-home

advisory, non-essential businesses being closed, and schools being shuttered will remain in effect.

The last meeting of the MIAA Board of Directors was held by teleconference on Thursday, April 16. At the meeting, the board voted on some simple items, stating that in a cost-saving measure, tournament semifinal games would be held at the site of the higher seed. Semifinals and finals are normally held on neutral turf.

However, in the case of baseball and softball, UMass and Western New England University have been that neutral turf. College campuses have remained

closed, and it is very possible colleges may not want events at their fields. Some colleges have even talked about continuing distance learning until a vaccine is found for the coronavirus.

While it was not a formal vote, the minutes of the meeting note that more than 20 states had officially called off spring sports, specifically. But the MIAA will follow the guidance and expectations made by Gov. Baker.

The next meeting of the MIAA Board of Directors is set for May 5. However, a special meeting could be scheduled sooner if and when Baker makes a decision about the remainder of the school year.

Racing league set for events

STAFFORD SPRINGS, Conn. – New events have been added to both Stafford Speedway's driver and fan iRacing leagues including a new invite only Tour Type Modified Invitational set for Friday, May 15. All Phases Renovations has stepped up as the presenting sponsor of the four-event series that will include three different types of cars as well as weekly payouts for the top-3 finishers.

The 4-race schedule is set to include a Street Stock race, Late Model race, and two Tour-Type Modified races. The first 3 events will pay a weekly \$250 purse across the top-3, including \$150 to win, \$75 for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd. The Modified Invitational scheduled for Friday, May 15th will pay \$350 to win, \$200 for 2nd, and \$150 for 3rd. The 80-lap Tour-Type Modified event will be invitation only. Winners from Friday's events will have a guaranteed entry in the Invitational. Additional criteria to enter the race will be announced in the coming weeks.

"iRacing has been a great way to get our racing fix," explained Larry Westgate of All Phases Renovations. "We really enjoyed last week's event and we look forward to mixing it up with a few different divisions and capping off the series with a special event and a bigger purse."

All Phases Renovations, based in Massachusetts, are your hard-scape and carpentry specialist. With projects ranging from patios, to outdoor bars and kitchens, to pool renovations, All Phases can tailor your outdoor construction needs. For more information and to check out some of their work visit their Facebook Page.

Bonasa Tufa and Jeff Maconi will continue to host the live broadcast of these events weekly on the Stafford Speedway YouTube page beginning at 7pm. Be sure to subscribe to the Stafford Speedway YouTube channel to receive updates.

Prelim night is set to continue with support from Horton Group. Horton Group has partnered with Stafford Speedway to add 3 additional Prelim Night events with the final event scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th and broadcast live on Stafford Speedway's YouTube channel. The top-5 from each prelim night will advance to Friday's event.

Founded in 2000, Horton Group LLC is an award-winning, full-service construction, general contracting and facilities maintenance firm specializing in developing and building a variety of projects in the residential and commercial sectors. For more information visit their website, www.hortongroupllc.com.

See RACING page 8

Pioneers will not play 2020 regular season

The GM of the team hopes there will be some exhibitions and an Open Cup this year

By Gregory A. Scibelli
gscibelli@turley.com

LUDLOW – It was an unprecedented season for the Western Mass. Pioneers in the 2019 season. The team made it all the way to conference semifinals last year before suffering their first defeat of the season.

Now, with plenty of players from last season and their coach returning, they will not have the opportunity to follow up on that great success.

The USL-Two announced last Wednesday that the Northeast Division has made the difficult

decision not to participate in any type of 2020 regular season due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Greg Kolodziey, the general manager of the Pioneers, expressed disappointment in the fact the Pioneers will not be able to follow up on what they accomplished last season.

"Yeah, definitely crazy and unprecedented times," said Kolodziey. "We were extremely excited about this season. We had a good group of players returning from last year's team along with some excellent new recruits. We had qualified for the U.S. Open Cup, and were looking forward to some fun and exciting games at the stadium this summer. So on that note it's a bit disheartening."

Kolodziey said he is hopeful the team will get the opportunity to play some games this season. He is hoping to see the Open Cup

be rescheduled and possibly have some exhibition matches later this year.

"But obviously some things are out of your control," he said. "But as of this week, the US Open Cup has not made a decision as to what they are doing with their tournament, so there is a chance we could be playing if they choose to go ahead with it."

"Other than that, we will monitor the health situation in the coming weeks and try to provide our great fans with some action at the stadium when and if we can. We are hoping to schedule exhibition games and for the young soccer players in the area, put together our summer soccer camp program."

The league released a statement last Wednesday addressing the 2020 season:

These are unprecedented times as the world faces a challenging COVID-19 health crisis. And while the issues at hand are about much more than sport, as supporters of our clubs we want to share with you our appreciation for the patience you have shown as we worked closely with league officials as well as local, state, and national health authorities to understand the impact of this global pandemic on our upcoming season.

After careful thought and consideration, it was determined that the challenges of our division being spread over multiple states, coupled with the existing health crises, were too great of a risk to our long-term sustainability, and we have therefore made the difficult decision to forego our participation in the 2020 USL League Two season.

"We absolutely support the Northeast Division's decision," said USL Vice President Joel Nash. "At the end of the day, it was about much more than soccer and we look forward to welcoming them back even stronger in 2021."

Every member club in the



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Micah Umeh sends a shot away.

Northeast has worked tirelessly to provide the highest level of soccer possible to all of our communities in thrilling, family-friendly environments, each with their own local flavor. However, given the fluidity of the situation and the uncertainty presented to us, we felt the decision was necessary for the greater good of all involved. While we are bitterly disappointed about this turn of events, especially for the fans, players, and our supportive Northeast communities, we also vow to come back better than ever in 2021.

In the meantime, all six Northeast Division clubs encourage everyone within our respective communities to be kind to one another, to look after those in need, and to encourage social distancing as much as possible. As clubs, we will continue to stay active and engaged in our communities off the pitch, and welcome any and all support in those endeavors. Only together can we get through these trying times and come out stronger for it. We will get through this together.



Guillermo Deal tries to settle a ball during last year's division clinching game.



Ben Brewster starts a move up the field. The Pioneers will not play in the 2020 regular season

Blue Sox looking to start regular season on time

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were champions of the New England Collegiate Baseball League in 2017 and 2018. They made it to the semifinals in last year's playoffs.

Now, more than ever, college athletes will be looking at leagues like the NECBL to make their mark for their colleges and prospective baseball scouts. The

NECBL released a statement recently regarding the status of the 2020 season, currently set to open in up early June:

We continue to closely monitor the rapidly changing situation involving the outbreak of COVID-19 and its impact on our 2020 summer season.

We are hopeful that we will play baseball this summer, and we

continue to plan for our summer season, including accommodating college seniors who are now eligible to play and what our season may look like. That said, our first priority is the health and well-being of our players, host families and fans. As part of our monitoring we are communicating with MLB, the NCAA and the National Alliance of Collegiate Summer

Baseball. We will regularly review decisions and guidance from federal, state and local officials, and the leadership of our host communities to obtain the most current information on the virus, and to understand and implement the most current recommendations and directives.

As we assess this changing situation, foremost we rec-

ognize that college athletes lost their spring season, and because of this, summer baseball is more important to our players and coaches than ever before. That's why – even in the context of today – we will continue to plan for summer ball and make every extra effort to get our college players on the field. Our season may not look the same, but our

role in player development has never been more important. And to our dedicated fans and sponsors, your support has never been more important. We appreciate your long and steadfast support and are hopeful to see you again this summer at the ballpark.

As we make decisions about our summer season, we will keep you fully informed.

BARRE
GAZETTE

\$33/Year | \$38 Out-of-State

It's easier than ever to **SUBSCRIBE** to your hometown paper.

Visit barregazette.turley.com and click on SUBSCRIPTIONS!

You can also browse our archives, submit your news and view our facebook feed all from the same page!

Home Who We Are Find Us Contact Us Advertising Classifieds Submissions Turley Publications Archives **SUBSCRIPTIONS**



Sports

T-Birds help out area hospitals with meals

SPRINGFIELD – On Thursday, April 16, the Springfield Thunderbirds will be teaming up with two of their local restaurant partners, Uno Pizzeria & Grill and Nadim’s Downtown Mediterranean Grill, to deliver over 50 meals to staff at both Baystate Medical Center and Mercy Medical Center.

“Though we are not able to play hockey at this time, we want to make sure we are doing our part to give back to the community that has supported us since our inception. This is just one way we are able to say ‘thank you’ to the men and women on the front lines of this pandemic while also proving some support to our local small business partners,” said Nathan Costa, President of the Springfield Thunderbirds.

Uno Pizzeria & Grill will provide lunch to staff members of Baystate’s Adult Acute Care and Acute Neuroscience departments, while Nadim’s will feed Mercy Medical Center’s Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Department.

“We are proud to partner with the Thunderbirds and Unos to feed our medical heroes helping to fight the Coronavirus pandemic. As a business with deep roots in this community, it is important we do our part to help our friends and neighbors get through this crisis,”

stated Nadim Kashouh, chef and owner of Nadim’s Mediterranean Grill.

Funds for the meals will come from the T-Birds Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity established by the franchise to benefit causes in Springfield and surrounding Pioneer Valley communities.

“We are thankful to the Thunderbirds for including us in these special deliveries,” said Uno Pizzeria & Grill owner Michael Hurwitz. “We have a great relationship, and it means a lot for the team to think of us during these times to provide the food for these heroes on the front line.”

The mission of the T-Birds Foundation is to serve the Springfield community and the Pioneer Valley beyond every win and loss through a focus on providing and supporting initiatives in the areas of health and wellness, youth enrichment, and civil service.

“Baystate Health is so grateful food donations that support our healthcare providers as they continue to serve on the frontlines and battle COVID-19,” said the team at the Baystate Health Foundation. “The Springfield Thunderbirds’ generous donation of meals from Uno Pizzeria & Grill for Baystate Health team members is a kind and much appreciated gesture.”

Sign-ups ongoing for Quabbin League

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning players, sign-ups are extended through May 1. New players can also sign up through this date with the draft currently set for May 2.

The league hopes to begin play in early June. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass.

For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.

Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of week-

day games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother’s Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out,

go to www.valleywheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league’s commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be taking place in the early weeks of April, weather permitting, with a draft following the tryouts.

RACING, continued from page 7

Stafford Speedway Schedule

Stafford Speedway eSeries presented by All Phases Renovations

Race #1 – Street Stocks 50 Laps

Friday, April 24

Live Stream – 7 p.m. Stafford Speedway YouTube

Race #2 – Late Models 60 Laps

Friday, May 1

Live Stream – 7 p.m. Stafford Speedway YouTube

Race #3 – Tour-Type Modifieds 80 Laps

Friday, May 8

Live Stream – 7 p.m. Stafford Speedway YouTube

Race #4 – Tour-Type Modified Invitational 80 Laps

Friday, May 15

Live Stream – 7 p.m. Stafford Speedway YouTube

Prelim Night presented by Horton Group

Race #1 – Street Stocks 50 Laps

Wednesday, April 22

Race #2 – Late Models 60 Laps

Wednesday, April 29

Race #3 – Tour-Type Modifieds 80 Laps

Wednesday, May 6th

Live Stream – 7 p.m. Stafford Speedway YouTube

For more information, visit www.staffordspeedway.com, check out Stafford Speedway on Facebook or Twitter, or contact the track office at 860-684-2783.

Education

QCC and HCC presidents selected for Aspen New Presidents Fellowship

WORCESTER – President Luis G. Pedraja, of Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) and President Christina Royal, of Holyoke Community College (HCC), have been selected by the Aspen Institute to join the 2020-21 inaugural class of the Aspen New Presidents Fellowship. This is a new initiative designed to support community college presidents in the early years of their tenure to accelerate transformational change on behalf of students.

President Pedraja and President Royal were the only two community college presidents chosen from Massachusetts. They are part of the inaugural group of 25 Aspen Fellows selected from more than 100 applicants for this opportunity, which is fully funded by JPMorgan Chase & Co. and run by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. The leaders, all of whom are in their first five years as a college president, will engage in a seven-month fellowship beginning in June 2020.

“It is a privilege to be chosen with my colleague President Royal. We are both looking forward to the opportunities this fellowship will afford us,” said President Pedraja, adding, “QCC is a large inner city community college with a diverse student population. It is vitally important that our students know we are with them every step of the way on their journey for a better future. I thank the Aspen Institute for this fellowship, which will assist us in our continuing quest to effect positive change for our students and our community. It is only by working together that we can all grow and prosper.”

“The Aspen Institute has a reputation for excellence, and I am honored to be selected as part of the inaugural group alongside President Pedraja,” said President Royal, who started working at HCC in January 2017. “Higher



Luis G. Pedraja



Christina Royal

education is experiencing a lot of disruption as the world changes. We are being challenged in a greater way to alter the ways we educate and provide support for students, as demographics shift and their needs and preferences change. It is an exciting opportunity to be in the company of other scholars and community college presidents who want to grow and learn in an intense environment of data-informed immersion that exposes us to new and different thinking with both practical and applied learning experiences.”

The fellows, who have been college presidents for five years or less, were selected for their commitment to student success and equity, willingness to take risks to improve outcomes, understanding of the importance of community partnerships, and ability to lead change.

“We know more than ever before about how community colleges can improve outcomes for students, both in and after college,” said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. “And the urgency for them to do so only increases especially for students of color and low-income students. These fellows have shown they are fully, urgently committed to excellence and equity, and we look forward to working alongside them.”

Nearly 80 percent of community college presidents nationwide plan to retire in the next decade. Through this fellowship and its

other leadership programs, Aspen is committed to helping to replace those exiting the presidency with an exceptionally capable and highly diverse talent pool. According to the American Council on Education, only 36 percent of community college presidents are female, and 20 percent are people of color. The incoming class of Aspen fellows is 48 percent female, and 40 percent are people of color. Their institutions span 15 states and vary widely, from a rural college with fewer than 2,000 students to a statewide system that educates more than 150,000.

“By preparing students and workers for in-demand jobs and meeting the training needs of businesses, community colleges are critical institutions for their regions’ prosperity and development,” said Jennie Sparandara, head of workforce initiatives, JPMorgan Chase. “JPMorgan Chase is proud to partner with the Aspen Institute’s College Excellence Program to build the next generation of diverse community college leaders.”

The program for new presidents is an addition to the Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence, which has been serving aspiring presidents since 2016. Of the nearly 160 fellows who have taken part in the Rising Presidents Fellowship, 41 are now community college presidents, serving more than 500,000 students.

JPMorgan Chase is funding the Aspen Presidential Fellowship as part of “New Skills at Work,” a five-year, \$350 million investment to support community colleges and other pathways to great careers and economic mobility.

For a complete list of the 2020-21 class of Aspen Presidential Fellows, people may visit <https://higher.ed.aspeninstitute.org/meet-the-aspen-presidential-fellows-new-presidents/>

AAEF offers special teacher scholarship and grant program

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The Association of American Educators Foundation (AAEF), a 501(c)(3) organization supporting the mission of the Association of American Educators (AAE), a national professional association serving educators in all fifty states

announces a special cycle of its National Teacher Scholarship and Classroom Grant Program is now open through May 15, 2020, for all full-time educators impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

The AAEF National Teacher Scholarship and Classroom Grant Program has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years to support educators’ professional development goals and classroom needs. The program typically awards grants twice a year, following application deadlines in March and October, but has opened a special cycle to support educators during school closures. Individual scholarships and grants are for up to \$500 to support projects addressing educators’ immediate needs due to school closures, and how to best serve students when schools reopen.

“This unprecedented and sudden transition to distance learning has created unforeseen challenges in the equitable delivery instruction and serving the needs of our nation’s students,” noted

AAE Foundation Executive Director Colin Sharkey. “In conjunction with the array of online resources, content, and training webinars we have developed to support educators, we launched this extraordinary cycle to our program to provide timely material and programmatic support as well as funding for costs related to obtaining new skills for maximizing student learning when schools reopen.”

The AAEF COVID-19 Relief Scholarship and Grant Program is available to all full-time educators and is accepting proposals now through May 15, 2020. Proposals will be evaluated and grants awarded on a rolling basis. AAE Foundation has not set a limit on the total amount to be awarded and will accept contributions from grant-making organizations to extend the program to serve as many educators as possible.

Funding proposal submissions can include:

Costs related to the implementation of distance learning during school closures.

Professional development costs related to obtaining new skills.

Materials, programs, or projects related to the reopening of schools after the pandemic.

Materials, programs, or projects that integrate new ideas, knowledge, or resources into the classroom once schools reopen/

“We are so pleased to be extending this popular program to help America’s educators serve their students during these circumstances,” added Melissa Pratt, senior professional programs manager, who oversees the National Teacher Scholarship and Classroom Grant Program.

More information including a complete list of funding options, eligibility details, and application are available at aaeteachers.com/cvgrant.

SPECIAL

Buy One Year Get One FREE

Don't Miss Another Week

Subscribe To Your Hometown Newspaper

BARRE  GAZETTE



Use the convenient form to

Subscribe Today! or call 800.824.6548

Subscribe online www.barregazette.turley.com

Barre Gazette your hometown news source.

We're working hard to provide you with more local news, community photos, and weekly features. Our website also makes it easier to submit press releases, and browse archives.

Yes! I want to subscribe to the Barre Gazette

☐ I am a new subscriber ☐ I want to extend my subscription ☐ I am sending a gift subscription

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CREDIT CARD NO. _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____ CVV CODE _____

PLEASE SEND THE GIFT SUBSCRIPTION TO: _____

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

☐ TWO Year Pre-paid \$33 Newsstand Price \$1.00 (\$52/year)

☐ Check Enclosed Made Payable to Barre Gazette

Thank you!



BG4.20.C19

Please mail this form to TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, 24 WATER STREET, PALMER, MA 01069

NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

North Brookfield

North Brookfield Savings Bank offers information on COVID-19 scams

NORTH BROOKFIELD – In an effort to protect customers and community members, North Brookfield Savings Bank (NBSB) compiled some common frauds and scams related to COVID-19, as well as resources on how best to deal with them. It's an unfortunate truth that particularly during times of hardship, fraudsters and scammers will attempt to take advantage of the situation to steal people's money, personal information or identity. It is important, now more than ever, to be as aware and prepared as possible to combat such attempts.

Scammers will try to trick victims by approaching them with information they know is of interest and they may make themselves appear to come from a familiar source, all in the hopes that the person will act or click before thinking it through.

A brief overview of scams and fraud to look out for are: stimulus check information, fake CDC alerts emails, health advice emails, workplace policies emails, charity donation requests, phone calls, text messages, offers for "free" services (such as streaming services), offers for medical equipment, cures, or treatments or investment offers.

Be wary of emails, text, calls or other correspondence relating to your COVID-19 government stimulus check. Any emails, texts, or calls are not legitimate. They might promise faster delivery or ask to verify personal or banking information - the government will not do this.

If you have filed your 2019 taxes and selected to receive a refund via direct deposit, your stimulus check will be deposited into the account you elected for your tax refund. If you have not filed 2019 taxes, but filed your 2018 taxes last year and opted for direct deposit, your stimulus check will be deposited into the account you elected for your 2018 tax refund. If you have not authorized a direct deposit for your tax refund, you will receive a check via the USPS (if eligible).

Email scams, also known as phishing, are when fraudsters and scammers send emails claiming to be from legitimate organizations. The email messages might ask you to open an attachment to see the latest statistics on COVID-19. If you click on the attachment or embedded link, it is possible you could download malicious software onto your device. The malicious software could allow scammers to take control of your computer, log your keystrokes or access your personal information and financial data, which could lead to identity theft.

Fake CDC alerts -The email might falsely claim to link to a list of coronavirus cases in your area or offer information on testing, results, or anything else that might get you to open the email.

Fake Health Advice Emails -

Emails that offer supposed medical advice to help protect you against the coronavirus. The emails might claim to be from medical experts. "This little measure can save you," one phishing email says. "Use the link below to download Safety Measures."

Fake Workplace Policy Email - Some fraudsters and scammers have targeted employees' workplace email, often with links to fake policies. If you click on the fake company policy, you'll download malicious software.

Like other types of phishing emails, the messages usually try to get you to click on a link or provide personal information that can be used to commit fraud or identity theft. Here's some tips to avoid getting tricked.

Beware of requests for personal information. A coronavirus-themed email that seeks personal information like your Social Security number or login information is a scam. Legitimate government agencies won't ask for that information. Never respond to the email with your personal data.

Check the email address or link. You can inspect a link by hovering your mouse button over the URL to see where it leads. Sometimes, it's obvious the web address is not legitimate. But keep in mind scammers and fraudsters can create links that closely resemble real websites. Delete the email if you suspect it is a scam.

Watch for spelling and grammatical mistakes. If an email includes spelling, punctuation and grammar errors, it's likely a sign you've received a phishing email. Delete it.

Look for generic greetings. Phishing emails are unlikely to use your name. Greetings like "Dear sir or madam" signal an email is not legitimate.

Avoid emails that insist you act now. Phishing emails often try to create a sense of urgency or demand immediate action. The goal is to get you to click on a link and provide personal information without thoroughly thinking it through. Delete the message.

In this time of need you may be in a position to help others who find themselves in need. While doing so is a very admirable goal, you must do your due diligence ahead of time.

Do your homework when it comes to contributing any donations, whether through charities or crowdfunding sites. Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. Take your time and ensure that the charities and causes you are considering donating to are legitimate and have a proven track record of making good use of the donations they receive. If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card or by wiring money, don't do it.

Scammers and Fraudsters may try to call you on the phone in an

effort to gather personal or financial information. They may use tactics designed to intimidate, confuse, or scare you. All in an effort to make you not think twice about giving them sensitive information.

You may also receive robocalls, if you answer the phone and hear a recorded message instead of a live person, it's a robocall. Hang up. Don't press any numbers. The recording might say that pressing a number will let you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list but it might lead to more robocalls. Illegal robocalls are used to pitch everything from scam Coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes.

Text messages, facebook messages and other messenger platforms can also have scammers and fraudsters using them. Should you receive a message with a link in it do not click it, as it will download malware onto your device, even a phone or tablet. The message could be from an unknown sender or may even be from someone you know. In the latter case, they are most likely a victim of a similar scam.

Be aware of offers and ads for cures, treatments, medical supplies, free video streaming services, ways to track the virus' spread or other too good to be true claims.

If you are shopping online, know who you're buying from. Online sellers may claim to have in-demand products, like cleaning, household or health and medical supplies when, in fact, they don't. All in an attempt to gather your credit card information or to get you to unknowingly download malware onto your device.

Ignore online offers for vaccinations and home test kits. Scammers are trying to get you to buy products that aren't proven to treat or prevent the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), online or in stores. At this time, there are no FDA-authorized home test kits for the Coronavirus.

As always, North Brookfield Savings Bank encourages everyone to fact-check all information you receive no matter the source. Scammers and often times innocent well-meaning people, share information that hasn't been verified. Before you pass on any messages, contact trusted sources to ensure they are legitimate. People may visit official COVID-19 channels through our North Brookfield Savings Bank COVID-19 Resource Center, www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com/Coronavirus.

North Brookfield Savings Bank's online Security Center lets you quickly take action, based on the scam type, through our Report Fraud and Scam webpage. It is important to act fast. People may visit <https://www.northbrookfield-savingsbank.com/report-fraud-and-scams/>.

FEMA gives declaration for Commonwealth and Wampanoag Tribe

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is giving public notice of its intent to provide financial assistance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, local governments, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and other tribal governments and certain private nonprofit organizations under the national emergency declaration issued by the President on March 13, 2020, as a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19").

FEMA is also giving public notice that, in some cases, it may provide financial assistance for activities that may affect historic properties, may be located in or affect wetland areas or the 100-year floodplain, and/or may involve critical actions within the 500-year floodplain.

Public Notice - National Emergency Declaration and Overview of Authorized Assistance

The President declared on March 13, 2020 that an emergency exists nationwide pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L. No. 93-288 (1974) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) ("Stafford Act") as a result of COVID-19 beginning on Jan. 20, 2020 and continuing. FEMA has administratively numbered the declaration for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as FEMA-3438-EM-MA and for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe as FEMA-3484-EM-MWT. Under this declaration, FEMA will provide financial and/or direct assistance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe under Category B of the Public Assistance Program as authorized by Section 502 of the Stafford Act. Eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials may be reimbursed under Public Assistance Category B. State, tribal and local government entities and certain private nonprofit organizations throughout the entire state are eligible to apply for Public Assistance.

Public Notice - Assistance for Activities Located in or that Affect Wetlands Areas or Floodplains or that Affect Historic Properties

Some of the activities for which FEMA provides assistance under Public Assistance Category B may affect historic properties, may be located in or affect wetland areas or the 100-year floodplain, and/or may involve critical actions within the 500-year floodplain. In those cases, FEMA must comply with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management; Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands; the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.) (NHPA) and the implementing regulations at 44 C.F.R. pt. 9 (Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands) and 36 C.F.R. pt. 800 (Protection of Historic Properties). The executive orders, NHPA and/or regulations require FEMA to provide public notice for certain activities as part of approving the award of assistance for specific Public Assistance Category B projects.

Federal Actions in or Affecting Floodplains and Wetlands

Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 require that all federal actions (including federal awards of financial assistance) in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands be reviewed for alternatives to avoid adverse effects and incompatible developments in those areas. The regulations at 44 C.F.R. pt. 9 set forth the FEMA policy, procedure and responsibilities for implementing the Executive Orders. Certain actions are totally excluded from being covered by 44 C.F.R. pt. 9, such as certain emergency protective measures necessary to save lives and protect property and public health.

For those actions not excluded from 44 C.F.R. pt. 9, FEMA will identify and evaluate practicable alternatives to carrying out a proposed action in the wetlands or floodplain and use social, economic, historical, environmental, legal, and safety factors when analyzing the practicability of the alternatives. Where there is no practicable alternative, FEMA will undertake a detailed review to determine what measures can be taken to minimize potential harm to lives and risk from flooding, the potential adverse impacts the action may have on others, and the potential adverse impact the action may have on floodplain and wetland values. The public is invited to participate in the process of

identifying alternatives and analyzing their impacts. Other Public Assistance projects will undergo more detailed review, including an evaluation of practicable alternatives and FEMA may publish subsequent public notices regarding such projects as necessary as more information becomes available

Federal Actions Affecting Historic Properties

Section 106 of the NHPA requires FEMA to consider the effects of its activities (known as "undertakings") on any historic property and to afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment on such projects before the expenditure of any federal funds. A Public Assistance Category B project is an "undertaking" for the purposes of the NHPA and a historic property is any property that is included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places. For historic properties that will not be adversely affected by FEMA's undertaking, this will be the only public notice. It will also be the only public notice if the work is an immediate rescue and salvage operation to preserve life and property (36 C.F.R. § 800.12(d)) or, for activities under FEMA-3438-EM-MA, falls within the list of programmatic allowances set forth in the Programmatic Agreement among FEMA, the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Officer, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. FEMA may, for other projects, provide additional public notices if a proposed FEMA undertaking would adversely affect a historic property.

This will be the only public notice regarding the actions described above for which FEMA may provide assistance under the Public Assistance Program. Interested persons may obtain information about these actions or a specific project by writing to the following: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Attn: Capt. W. Russell Webster (USCG Ret.), Federal Coordinating Officer, 99 High St., Boston, MA 02110

All comments concerning this public notice must be submitted in writing to FEMA within 15 days of its publication.

Bill to provide additional UI relief moves to house

BOSTON - Senator Anne Gobi (D - Spencer) and the Massachusetts State Senate passed legislation that will provide additional Unemployment Insurance (UI) relief to low-income families, non-profit institutions and employers.

An Act Providing Additional Support to Those Affected by the Novel Coronavirus Through the Unemployment Insurance System builds on UI legislation passed by the Senate and signed into law waiving the one-week waiting period to receive benefits. It also follows the passage last week of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which significantly increases UI benefits and expands eligibility during the coronavirus pandemic.

"This is such a stressful time and people are hurting," commented Senator Gobi on the bill's passage. "I will continue to work to provide relief as we get through this public health crisis together. This is not the end of assistance; it is one more important step on our road to recovery."

Building off the Senate's ongoing efforts to address the COVID-19 public health crisis and its impacts on workers, the bill includes four components to enhance the state's UI system: uncapping the UI dependency allotment; extending the grace period for non-profit contribu-

tions; protecting employers from increased UI costs due to coronavirus and ensuring 30 weeks of unemployment compensation during unemployment spikes.

The components of the bill are as follows:

Lifting the Cap on Dependency Allotment. This bill eliminates the 50 percent cap for the dependency allotment providing additional benefits to low-income families. This increase will be in addition to the \$600 per week benefit add-on provided for in the CARES Act for all workers eligible for state or federal benefits.

Currently, UI recipients are entitled to an additional \$25 per week for each child in the family, capped at 50 percent of a recipient's base allotment. The result is that workers with particularly low allotments, such as low wage workers, can easily be capped out of receiving these additional amounts.

Non-Profit Contribution Grace Period. Presently, many non-profits self-insure for unemployment claims. This means that when layoffs in the sector occur, non-profits pay the cost of those benefits dollar for dollar at the next billing period. This bill provides a 120-day grace period for non-profits to make these contributions. This delay will allow the state to review additional changes that are warranted to mitigate the impact on non-profits. The CARES Act provides 50

percent reimbursement for self-insured benefit payments during the Coronavirus crisis.

Protection for Employers. Employers who participate in UI pay contributions based on their layoff experience. Like other forms of insurance, employers that are more likely to have workers use unemployment compensation are asked to pay more in the system. The system does not anticipate a situation where employers across a number of sectors have been forced to significantly reduce their workforces due to situations outside of their control. This bill prevents layoffs related to coronavirus from negatively impacting employer's future UI contributions.

Extending Unemployment Benefit Period. The number of weeks of unemployment compensation available in Massachusetts is tied to unemployment rates around the state. This trigger did not anticipate a situation, however, in which unemployment grows rapidly in a very short period of time. This bill ensures that the 30-week benefit period is triggered by a significant uptick in weekly unemployment claims.

An Act Providing Additional Support to Those Affected by the Novel Coronavirus Through the Unemployment Insurance System now moves to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for consideration.

Have Something to Share?
Send your stories and photos to edowner@turley.com

TARGETED MARKETING
LOCAL RESULTS

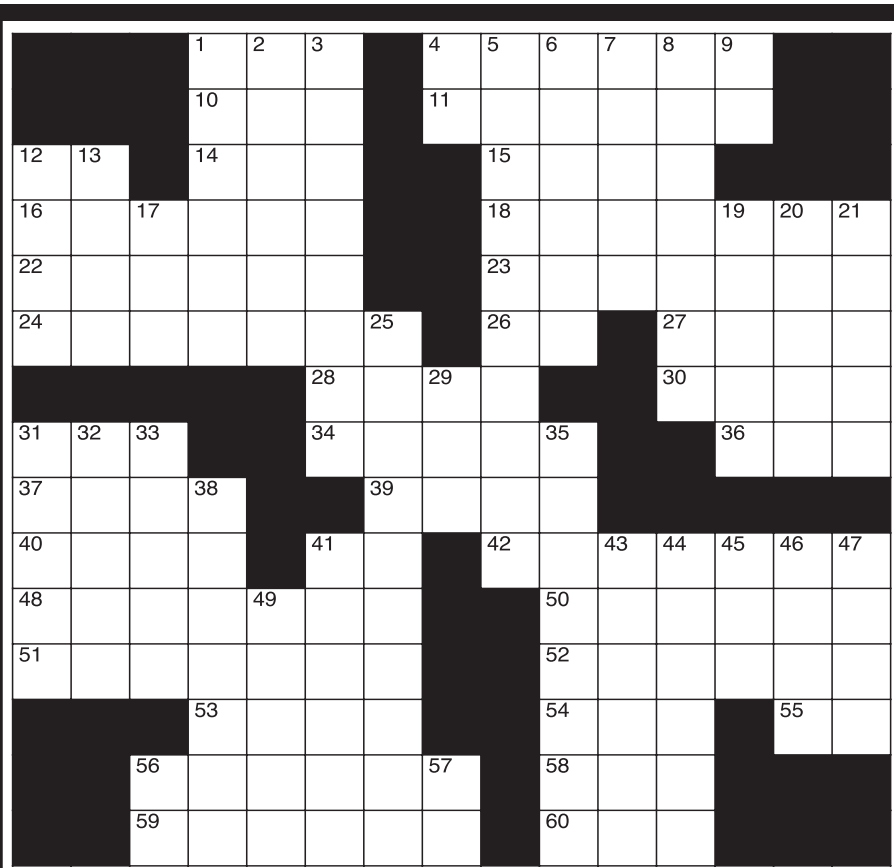


Turley
Publications, Inc.
www.newspapers.turley.com

AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS
BARRE GAZETTE
COUNTRY JOURNAL
CHICOPEE REGISTER
THE JOURNAL REGISTER
THE LUDLOW REGISTER
QUABOAG CURRENT
THE SENTINEL
SHOPPING GUIDE
THE SUN
WILBRAHAM-HAMPDEN TIMES
TOWN REMINDER
WARE RIVER NEWS

 turleynews

 TurleyPublications



CLUES ACROSS

1. Revolutions per minute
4. Hymns
10. Brew
11. Did not acknowledge
12. Atomic #77
14. Partly digested food
15. Not one
16. Lesotho capital
18. Copyreading
22. Living organism that feeds on organic matter
23. One's biological father
24. An aggregate of molecules
26. Equally
27. Khoikhoi people
28. Jump in figure

skating

30. Lantern
31. TV network
34. Georges ____, French philosopher
36. Sharp, shrill bark
37. Albanian monetary units
39. Launched Apollo
40. One who graduated
41. Exist
42. Passed by
48. Very unpleasant smell
50. Graduates
51. Seedless raisin
52. Self-protection
53. Clue
54. Life-savers
55. Ingest too much
56. Misrepresented
58. Small Eurasian deer

59. Most mocking
60. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

1. Flower cluster
2. A form
3. Inner organ regions
4. Local law enforcement
5. A citizen of Senegal
6. Positively charged electrodes
7. Connects granules
8. Business practice
9. The Mount Rushmore State
12. Leader
13. Hindu queen
17. Proofreading mark
19. European country
20. Greek mythological

nymph

21. Grandfather
25. Clears
29. Amount of time
31. Mollusks
32. German municipality
33. Body part
35. City of Angels
36. hoopers
38. Suffocate
41. Pleasing to the eye
43. Poplar trees (Spanish)
44. Ship officer
45. Individual investment account (abbr.)
46. Prefix meaning within
47. Ceased to live
49. Day by day
56. Not color
57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.)

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

Obituaries

Patricia Ann Stone Adomaitis, 69

MASSENA, N.Y. – Patricia Ann “Pat” (Stone) Adomaitis, age 69, passed away in her home surrounded by family on the morning of April 13, 2020, after a battle with cancer. She was born on Aug. 1, 1950, in Malone, New York, to the late Dorothy Jean Aubrey and Bernard Arthur Stone and grew up on Stone Road in Westville. Pat graduated from Salmon River Central School in 1968. She played clarinet in marching band and later studied accounting at Fisher College. She is predeceased by husbands, David Lauber of Malone, N.Y. and Ernest “Butch” Adomaitis of Hardwick, Massachusetts. Pat lived in central Massachusetts for forty-five years before moving back to the “North Country” in 2015.

Pat was passionate about interior design and worked for many years as the showroom manager at Central New England Distributing in Northboro, Mass. She enjoyed gardening, crafting, antiques and being out on the water. She kept an immaculate house and was a

fabulous cook. She loved gathering for any family occasion. Pat was quick-witted and had a knack for telling it like it is – she truly loved a good political argument. She could recite the entire script of her favorite movie, “Gone with the Wind.”

Pat is survived by her daughters, “The Three D’s:” Dana L. Hardy of Orange, Mass., Darcy L. Heald of Barre, Mass. and Danielle J. Adomaitis of New Orleans, Louisiana; son-in-law, Patryk Heald; daughter-in-law, K.D. Echols; best friend and chosen sister, Randi Mason Stone Goodwin of Altona, N.Y. with whom she shared a lifetime of memories; brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and Lisa Stone, brother and sister-in-law, John and LeeAnn Stone, sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Sam Kieffer, sister-in-law Linda Stone; grandchildren Dyllon Heald, Alyssa Hardy, Kyle Hardy; great-granddaughter Lyliah



Heald, and step-mother Dolores Stone. She is predeceased by her brother, Richard Stone and step-father, Pedro Perez. She had many other in-laws, stepbrothers, stepsisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors that she loved dearly.

Pat’s wishes were to be cremated and buried alongside her late husband, Butch Adomaitis, at Riverside Cemetery, Barre, Mass. Due to COVID-19, a graveside service and celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Her family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Northern Lights Home Health Care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in her memory.

Arrangements are with the Donaldson Funeral Home, Massena, N.Y. where friends and family are encouraged to share memories and condolences with the family at www.donaldsonfh.com.

Susan Ann (Tuttle) Giarusso, 83

BARRE – Susan Ann (Tuttle) Giarusso, 83, died peacefully April 16, 2020 at her assisted living residence in Mansfield, where she had received love and support from her daughter. Preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Carmelo “Mel” Giarusso and infant son, Carmelo Giarusso, Jr and brothers, William Tuttle and David Tuttle.

She is survived by her sons, David Giarusso and his wife, Michelle, of Peabody; William Giarusso and his wife Suzanne, of Groton; three daughters, Diana and her wife Marcy Lister, of Denver, Colorado, Susan “Suzie” Giarusso of Falls Church, Virginia and Gina-Marie Giarusso, of Mansfield. In addition, Susan leaves nine grandchildren, Branden, Caitlin, Bridget,

Andrew, Alexa, Morgan, Colin, Zach and Sean; four great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Susan was born in Ware, the daughter of the late Olive (Hinkley) Tuttle of Barre and William Tuttle of Maine. She and Mel lived in the Berkshires for 25 years.

Upon his retirement in 1990, they relocated back to their hometown of Barre and built their retirement home on family land with the assistance of family and friends. Sue and Mel, were happy to be home and surrounded by their extended families. Neighbors with her brothers for many years on Wauwinet Road, the siblings surrounded their mother Olive. After her husband died, Susan cared for her mother until her death when she then moved closer to her daughter, Gina.

Susan embraced the Italian family and culture into which she married. She learned Italian cooking from her mother-in-law and gave it her own spin. The family historian, she and Mel hosted many get-togethers, where folks came not only for the good Italian cooking but also for the love, laughter and a good game of Bocce. A life-long crafter, baker, gardener and do-it-yourself woman, Susan was



especially proud of the many quilts she crocheted and sewed for all babies that crossed her path. She also grew a mean tomato. A life long lover of country music and Polish polkas her children and grandchildren grew up listening to Willie, Waylon, Johnny, Conway and Happy Louie.

A child advocate and nurturer, Susan worked in the public schools in Dalton as an aide for special needs children. Later in life, she provide’d personal care for elderly members of the community. She loved them all. Throughout the years, she and Mel provided foster care and respite care for many families and children. Their home was always full of children, including their grandchildren, nieces and nephews. It was the family gathering place and nothing brought Susan more joy than her family. Susan will be buried privately in St. Joseph Cemetery, Barre next to her husband. Due to the Coronavirus stay at home order, the family regrets that no funeral Mass or calling hours can be scheduled. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road in Barre,

DEATH NOTICES

Adomaitis, Patricia A. Stone
Died April 13, 2020
Celebration of Life at a later date
Donaldson Funeral Home

Giarusso, Susan A. (Tuttle)
Died April 16, 2020
Burial will be private
St. Joseph Cemetery

Treasurer Goldberg announces latest unclaimed property listings

BOSTON – Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced the latest grouping of names that have been added to the state’s list of unclaimed property owners. Over 51,000 new properties worth millions of dollars are owed to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth.

“We currently hold over \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property at Treasury and it could be yours,” said Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. “One in ten Massachusetts residents are owed money. So, call our office

today to begin the claims process.”

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. Last year, Treasury processed over 110,000 claims and returned over \$130 million in property to its rightful owners.

This newly released list includes

only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urged all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at www.findmass-money.com or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

The Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. There is no time limit for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest.

Public Notices

NOTICE

The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (MSLC) will offer a KENO monitor to display the game to duly qualified existing KENO To Go Agent(s), as listed below:
Applegreen
2 Summer St
Barre, MA, 01005

Written objection hereto, by Local Licensing Authority, must be received by: Gregory Polin, General Counsel, Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (MSLC), 150 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester, MA 02150 - 3573
4/23/2020

Church News

Local pastor offers sermons

Note: The Barre Gazette staff reached out to area churches if they would provide sermons during the Coronavirus pandemic. Any pastor, priest or rabbi wishing to participate may email either barrenews@turley.com or edowner@turley.com.

“Living Christ...walk this journey with us!”

Grace and peace to you, dear members and friends of the Barre Congregational Church! I hope all is well with you and your loved ones. Once again, we bring you this written sermon, but we have also recorded our whole service, with music, which you will have received as a YouTube link via email this morning, and you can also watch it on the church’s Facebook Page. All our services are now also posted on our website. I ask that we again join many Christians around the world today in prayer, asking for God’s mercy and protection against the Coronavirus pandemic.

I. Introduction:

It may not look like we are Easter people, because of this separation we are experiencing due to the Coronavirus pandemic. All the things we are going through, and all the precautions we must take and put in place to stay safe, can take their toll on us. It is not easy to go back to the faucet yet again, just to make sure you washed those hands well and long enough. It is important to do though, to keep us and our loved ones safe. So, we ask ourselves, where is God in this? Are we not Easter people? When will all this change? Do these questions sound familiar in your own household? These are such important questions to ask our Living God who broke through the shackles of death to raise Jesus Christ from the dead! Maybe this message from Acts could be an inspiration and comfort to all of us as we are waiting patiently for things to get better.

II. Scripture Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-32

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say...”

22 “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—

23 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

25 For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

29 “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an

oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

III. The Christ of Pentecost is with us!

On the Day of Pentecost, we see Peter stand up and speak to the Jews from Jerusalem, but also to those who traveled from Galilee and elsewhere. He and the eleven apostles just had an unbelievably and powerful experience of the Holy Spirit coming down on them in the form of tongues of fire, and they were all speaking in different languages. So, when Peter stood up to speak, he was filled with the Spirit of God. He had no fear, addressing this crowd who seemed to be bewildered by what they had just witnessed. He reassured them that those who spoke in tongues were not drunk, but that they were filled with the Spirit of God. Peter was courageous, as he stood there now, as the leader of the governing body of this early church.

In verses 16 – 21 Peter reminds them about the Prophet Joel, who prophesied how the Spirit of Yahweh would be poured out on all people, and about the dreams and visions the young and old will experience. So, what they just observed was not some crazy human activity, but a powerful act of God transforming the ordinary human experience into something supernatural; and as always, doing it in the grandest fashion!

From Peter’s point of view, things would never be the same anymore, because the Christ, through whom God manifested the incredible miracles and wonders and signs, which they all witnessed, is now alive in them through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The same Christ whom they handed over to the Roman officials, and had killed, is no more held captive by death. In fact, death did not have the power to hold Jesus in that tomb.

In verses 25 – 28 Peter then quotes David from Psalm 16, in which the Psalmist expresses his confidence in God’s presence and continuous support, which led to much joy. David was happy to know that he would not be abandoned to the grave. Peter, then goes on in verse 31 explaining that David was in fact speaking about someone else who would come later, and who would have that ultimate presence of Yahweh, and while David died and his body was kept in a tomb, this future person’s body would not be abandoned to the grave, and would not even see the decay that every human body goes through. David was already prophesying about Christ and His resurrection from the dead. How powerful! How amazing that Peter reminded the crowd of this Psalm, which they would have known, but needed an up-to-date clarification, meaning David saw the Risen Christ from afar!

The Christ of Pentecost is with us, says Peter. His death may have been planned and executed by His earthly enemies, but it was already in the original plan of God Almighty; but more, it would not be the kind of death that leads to decay. Instead, He would be raised from the dead, and therefore His death would lead to the greatest act in history by God Almighty, that of the resurrection. It is called the vindication of Jesus by God, who

raised Him from the dead, says New Testament scholar, Eckhard J. Schnable. We need to acknowledge this power of God then, and the power of God now!

IV. Christ journeyed with them as a fragile early church...

Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross, while gruesome and painful, was but a small sacrifice in comparison to the greatest gift of all... the enduring promise and power of the resurrection and the day of Pentecost, when the group of about 120 congregants would experience the extraordinary power of God in ways they never could have imagined. Yahweh made sure they would not be left alone. The constant presence of Yahweh throughout the history of the Israelites would now continue through the presence of the Holy Spirit, which was poured out onto them. The Christ whom they witnessed doing all those wonders and signs never actually left them but journeyed with them through it all. But more...they would quickly grow from a group of 120 members to a church of over 3000 on this day of Pentecost!

V. Living Christ...walk this journey with us!

Throughout biblical history the people of Israel have struggled with many obstacles and life-threatening experiences. We see them having faith and losing faith repeatedly. And while they went through those vulnerable moments, they experienced over and over again the presence and intervention of Yahweh in ways beyond their understanding. Yahweh never left them, but rather kept an eye on them through all their many trials and tribulations. Yahweh is never absent in human history. Yahweh is present and active in ways seen and unseen.

So, on the Day of Pentecost, Yahweh showed up in an extraordinary way. They saw, heard and experienced great things. We see the transformation of ordinary people into extraordinary leaders who would spearhead the beginning of the early Church of Christ.

Peter is saying to them and us that, that same Christ is with us, through the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. We need not feel so powerless during this extremely difficult time we’re going through. We have personal yokes of illnesses, family issues, and other concerns, and we have the incredible worldwide yoke of this pandemic, which has become a yoke of suffering and death, and is now controlling our lives in ways we never would have imagined. Peter reminds us that we can, and we must invoke the extraordinary power of our Resurrection God through Christ to journey with us and to release us from this yoke(s) we are carrying right now.

If we read and understand the resurrection story correctly, then we can and must invoke that resurrection power, and ask Christ to journey with us, keep us safe and protected during this time. This is a time in history where we can cry out to God with broken hearts and all our worries, and ask the Holy Spirit to come down on us, to be alive in us and to break and remove this yoke from us, so that the Name of the Lord can be glorified. Let us not be ashamed to do it. Let us be Easter people and together reach out with our hearts and minds to our Resurrection God without ceasing!

May God bless and keep us all safe. Amen

Pastor Margaret Keyser
Barre Congregational Church

THE BARRE GAZETTE – *Serving the towns of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Petersham & Rutland since 1834*

PUBLIC NOTICES ARE NOW ONLINE

- 1 Email all notices to notices@turley.com
 - 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
 - 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts’ public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.
- Public notice deadlines are Mondays at noon, Fridays noon for Monday holidays.*

visit www.publicnotices.turley.com



FUNERAL HOMES
Pre-Planning • Burial • Cremation Services
Honoring Lives & Celebrating Memories

Richard S. Mansfield
FUNERAL DIRECTOR

1158 Main Street • Holden, MA
100 Worcester Road • Sterling MA
(508) 829-4434 (978) 422-0100

On-Line Information

- Professional service offerings
- Advance planning
- Aftercare program/seminars
- Memorial Guest Book
- Tour of facilities
- Directions to funeral home
- Obituaries with maps to churches and cemeteries
- Access links to social security and veteran services

www.milesfuneralhome.com

NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.



Classifieds

13 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS | SERVING 50 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Call us toll free 800.824.6548

FOR SALE

ANTIQUE AND PERIOD CHAIRS
- Restored with new woven seats -
Many styles and weaves available. Call
(413)289-6670

DISH TV - \$59.99 For 190 Channels
+ \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free
installation, Smart HD DVR Included.
Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions
apply. Call 1-877-925-7371

HAY FOR SALE Koran's Farm.
(413)267-3396.

FIREWOOD

FIREWOOD
Fresh cut & split \$160.00
Seasoned cut & split \$200.00
All hardwood.
Tree length available
*Also have seasoned softwood
for outdoor boilers (Cheap).
Quality & volumes **guaranteed!!**
New England Forest Products
(413)477-0083

MISCELLANEOUS

A PLACE FOR MOM. The nation's
largest senior living referral service.
Contact our trusted, local experts to-
day! Our service is FREE/no obliga-
tion. CALL 1-855-799-4127

FOR SALE

**DEALING WITH WATER DAM-
AGE** requires immediate action. Local
professionals that respond immedi-
ately. Nationwide and 24/7. No Mold Calls.
1-800-506-3367

DO YOU HAVE chronic knee or
back pain? If you have insurance, you
may qualify for the perfect brace at
little to no cost. Get yours today! Call
1-800-217-0504

**INVENTORS- FREE INFOR-
MATION PACKAGE** Have your
product idea developed affordably by
the Research & Development pros
and presented to manufacturers. Call
855-380-5976 for a free idea start-
er guide. Submit your idea for a free
consultation.

LIFE ALERT. 24/7. One press of
a button sends help FAST! Medical,
Fire, Burglar. Even if you can't reach
a phone! FREE brochure. CALL 800-
457-1917

**MOBILEHELP, AMERICA'S PREMI-
ER MOBILE MEDICAL ALERT**
SYSTEM. Whether you're Home or
Away. For Safety and Peace of Mind.
No Long Term Contracts! Free Bro-
chure! Call Today! 1-844-892-1017

**OXYGEN-ANYTIME. ANY-
WHERE.** No tanks to refill. No deliv-
eries. Only 2.8 pounds! FAA approved!
FREE info kit: Call 1-855-917-4693

FOR SALE

PROMOTE YOUR PRODUCT,
service or business to 1.7 million
households throughout New England.
Reach 4 million potential readers
quickly and inexpensively with great
results. Use the Buy New England
Classified Ad Network by calling
(413)283-8393, classifieds@turley.
com. Do they work? You are reading
one of our ads now!! Visit our website
to see where your ads run
communitypapersne.com

STAY IN YOUR HOME longer with
an American Standard Walk-In Bath-
tub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including
a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty
on the tub and installation! Call us at
1-866-945-3783.

STOP STRUGGLING ON THE
STAIRS. Give your life a lift with an
ACORN STAIRLIFT! Call now for
\$250. OFF your stairlift purchase and
FREE DVD & brochure! 1-844-325-
8610

Buying? Selling?

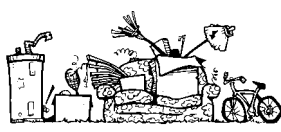
Our
Classifieds
Get Results!



SERVICES



*******A & B HOUSEHOLD
REMOVAL SERVICE*******
Cellars, attics, garages cleaned, yard
debris. Barns, sheds, demolished.
Swimming pools removed. Cheap-
er than dumpster fees and we do all
the work. Lowest rates. Fully insured.
(413)283-6512, cell (413)222-
8868.



****A CALL WE HAUL****
Dumpsters available on site
Call for delivery
(413)531-1936
acallwehaul@gmail.com

A DUMP TRUCK clearing out attics,
cellars, garages, barns, whole house
clean-outs, scrap metal. Free esti-
mates. 413-374-5377

**A HOME IMPROVEMENT SPE-
CIALIST** Decks, additions, garages,
sheds, porches, repair work. Project fin-
ancing available. BBB approved. Tim
(413)-563-2229 Lic #053483

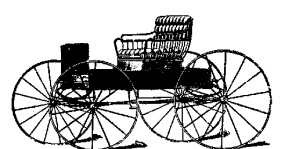
ABSOLUTE CHIMNEY HIC
#161245 & CSSL #101365 Insured.
Sweeping chimneys year round. Thank
you. (413)967-8002

SERVICES

BILODEAU AND SON ROOFING.
Established 1976. New re-roofs and
repairs. Gutter cleanings and repairs.
Licensed/ insured. Call (413)967-
6679

CHAIR SEAT WEAVING & refinish-
ing - cane, fiber rush & splint - Class-
room instructor, 20+ years experience.
Call Walt at (413)289-6670 for es-
timate.

PAINT AND PAPER Over 25 years
experience. References. Lic #086220.
Please call Kevin 978-355-6864.



**WE RENOVATE, SELL & PUR-
CHASE** (any condition) horse drawn
vehicles such as sleighs, carriages,
surreys, wagons, dr's buggies, drive-
able or lawn ornaments. Some fur-
niture and other restoration services
available. Reasonable prices. Quality
workmanship. Call (413)213-0373
for estimate and information.

DEMERS & SONS
BELCHERTOWN, MA

CHILD SERVICES

***NEW STATE LAW.** Anyone ad-
vertising caring of children must list a li-
cense number to do so if they offer this
service in their own home.

ELECTRICIAN

DEPENDABLE ELECTRICIAN,
FRIENDLY service, installs deicing
cables. Free estimates. Fully insured.
Scott Winters electrician Lic. #13514-B
Call (413)244-7096.

EXCAVATING

**ELIOT STARBARD EXCAVA-
TION** 35 yrs of happy customers.
508-882-0140

HOME IMPROVEMENT

C-D HOME IMPROVEMENT. 1
Call for all your needs. Windows, sid-
ing, roofs, additions, decks, baths,
hardwood floors, painting. All work
100% guaranteed. Licensed and in-
sured. Call Bob (413)596-6807 Cell
CS Lic. #97110, HIC Lic #162905

CERAMIC TILE INSTALLATION
Kitchen, bath, foyers. Referenc-
es. Lic #086220. Please call Kevin
(978)355-6864.



SERVICES

HOME IMPROVEMENT

**HOME IMPROVEMENTS. RE-
MODELING** Kitchens, baths. Ceram-
ic tile, windows, painting, wallpapering,
textured ceilings, siding, decks. Insur-
ance work. Fully insured. Free esti-
mates. (413)246-2783 Ron.

WATER DAMAGE
CALL JAY (413)436-5782-
FOR REPAIRS
COMPLETE DRYWALL
SERVICE. FINISHING,
PAINTING, CEILING
(SMOOTH OR TEXTURED).
40+ YEARS EXPERIENCE.
FULLY INSURED.

INSTRUCTION

**DON'T BE A STARVING ART-
IST** - learn how to teach painting with
this special method to people of all
ages and abilities and have your own
business with a stable income. Fill the
need for more art in healthcare facili-
ties. Check it out at: www.artis4every1.
com or call (508)882-3848

LANDSCAPING

A+ ROZELL'S
LANDSCAPING &
BOBCAT SERVICE
Excavator Services
Overgrown property?
Extreme Brush Cutting!
Shrub, Stump, Tree Removal
Lawn/Arborvitae Installed
Loam, Stone, Mulch, Sand
Storm Clean-up
Maintenance
Small Demolition/ Junk Removal/
Clean-outs
Insured
413-636-5957

CHAMPAGNE LANDSCAPING
Weekly, bi-weekly mowing, Spring,
Fall Clean-ups, trimming, mulch, stone
beds, excavating. Total yard mainte-
nance. Call Dan (413)682-4943

DAVE'S LAWN AND GARDEN,
LLC. Spring Clean-ups
Dethatching
Mulch/ Stone
Stump grinding
Senior Citizen/ Veteran's Discount
Certified/ Insured
Call Dave (413)478-4212 for your
free estimate.

ENVY YARD MAINTENANCE
Lawn mowing, Spring/ Fall clean-up,
mulch, shrub trimming, general yard
maintenance, etc. Call Nick for your
free estimate 413-386-5014

LAWN & GARDEN

***COMPOSTED LOAM* 3/8**
screened, \$28/yd. deliv., 10 yd min.;
No additives, fillers or by-products. Lo-
cal deliv. to Oakham and surrounding
towns only. Eliot Starbard 508-882-
0140.

SERVICES

LAWN & GARDEN

LAWN CARE SERVICES
Weekly/ Bi-weekly lawn mowing
services
15 years experience
Call Quality Cuts today!
(413)231-2888
FREE ESTIMATES

MASONRY

B&D MASONRY RESTORATION
Chimney rebuilds, caps, pointing,
block foundations, ceramic floors/
walls, outdoor kitchens/ living areas,
cultured/ natural stone, stampcrete
pads/ sidewalks. 413-237-3690

STOP WET BASEMENTS

ABC MASONRY & BASEMENT
WATERPROOFING
All brick, block, stone, concrete. Hatch-
way doors, basement windows, chim-
neys rebuilt & repaired, foundations
repaired, basement waterproofing
systems, sump pumps. BBB+ rat-
ing. Free estimates. Lic #14790. Call
(413)569-1611, (413)374-5377

PLUMBING

LINC'S PLUMBING
LIC. #J27222
"New Season"
"New Projects"
Call LINC'S
For Your Connection
(413)668-5299

ROOFING

FREE ROOF INSPECTIONS. All
types of roofing, shingle, flat and slate.
Call Local Builders (413)626-5296.
Complete roofing systems and repairs.
Fully licensed and insured. MA CS
#102453. Senior Discount. 24 hour
service. Veteran Discount.

TREE WORK

AAA - TROM'S TREE SERVICE
Let me save you money. Tree re-
moval, hazard tree removal, cordwood,
stump grinding. We're fully insured and
workmen's comp. for your pro-
tection. Free estimates. Mon-Sun Call
Jason (413)283-6374

DL & G TREE SERVICE- Every-
thing from tree pruning, tree removal,
stump grinding, storm damage, lot
clearing and brush chipping. Honest
and Dependable. Fully insured. Now
offering a Senior Citizen and Veteran
discount. Call today for free estimate
(413)478-4212

K & J TREE SERVICE Fully in-
sured. Free estimates, stump grinding.
413-289-4817, 508-344-8482

STUMP GRINDING

DL & G STUMP GRINDING Grind-
ing stumps of all sizes, insured & cer-
tified. Senior discounts. Call Dave 413-
478-4212

AUTO

CARS/TRUCKS WANTED!!! All
Makes/ Models 2000-2019! Any Con-
dition, Running or Not. Top \$\$\$ Paid!
Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call
Now: 1-888-513-1505.

AUTO FOR SALE

1978 CHEVY SS ELCAMINO
12,500 original miles. Pro tour started.
EZ resto to stock. 350 ci, 4-spd. 413-
896-1585 after 12pm \$20,000 firm

PETS

RETIRED RACING
GREYHOUNDS AVAILABLE
FOR ADOPTION
SPAYED/NEUTERED, WORMED,
SHOTS, HEARTWORM TESTED,
TEETH CLEANED

MAKE A FAST FRIEND!

GREYHOUND OPTIONS INC.
CALL MARY AT 413-566-3129
OR CLAIRE AT 413-967-9088
OR GO TO
WWW.GREYHOUNDOPTIONS.
ORG

HORSES

HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS
offered year round at our state of the
art facility, beginner to advanced. Ages
4 years to adult. Boarding, sales and
Leasing also available. Convenient lo-
cation at Orion Farm in South Hadley
(413)532-9753 www.orionfarm.net

REAL ESTATE

FOR RENT



EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

ALL REAL ESTATE advertised
herein is subject to the Federal Fair
Housing Act, which makes it illegal to
advertise "any preference, limitation,
or discrimination because of race,
color, religion, sex, handicap, familial
status, or national origin, or intention
to make any such preference, limitation,
or discrimination." We will not know-
ingly accept any advertising for real
estate which is in violation of the law.
All persons are hereby informed that
all dwellings advertised are available
on an equal opportunity basis.

BELCHERTOWN LAKESIDE
ROOM for rent. Shared living in en-
tire house. Off-street parking. Lg. yard.
Contact Rick 978-833-3689.

HILLSIDE VILLAGE APARTMENTS

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING
ACCEPTED FOR ONE, TWO
AND THREE BEDROOM
APARTMENTS

•Heat and hot water included
•Ample Closets
•Fully Appliance
•Community Room
•Laundry Facilities
•Cats Welcome
•Extra Storage
•24 Hour Maintenance
For Information call
(413)967-7755 EHO

17 Convent Hill, Ware, MA



PALMER- 3 ROOMS, stove & re-
frigerator, Parking. No pets. 1st, last.
413-433-1856

SECTION 8 WELCOME Ware
2 bedroom apts. new kitchen, bath,
paint, flooring, appliances, etc. Avail-
able ASAP (413)531-2433

WARREN MODERN Studio, 1st fl,
\$650, 1 BR, \$750, with new kitchen,
carpet and appliances. Free hot water.
Beautiful rural setting with a moun-
tain view. Located on 67. Please call
(413)436-5301

VACATION RENTALS

WARM WEATHER IS Year Round
In Aruba. The water is safe, and the
dining is fantastic. Walk out to the
beach. 3-Bedroom weeks available.
Sleeps 8. Email: carolaction@aol.com
for more information.

FOR RENT



All real estate advertising in this
newspaper is subject to the Federal
Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes
it illegal to advertise any preference,
limitation or discrimination based on
race, color, religion, sex, handicap,
familial status (number of children and
or pregnancy), national origin, ancestry,
age, marital status, or any intention to
make any such preference, limitation or
discrimination.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept
any advertising for real estate that is in
violation of the law. Our readers are hereby
informed that all dwellings advertising in
this newspaper are available on an equal
opportunity basis. To complain about
discrimination call The Department of
Housing and Urban Development " HUD"
toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. For the N.E.
area, call HUD at 617-965-5308. The toll
free number for the hearing impaired is
1-800-927-9275.



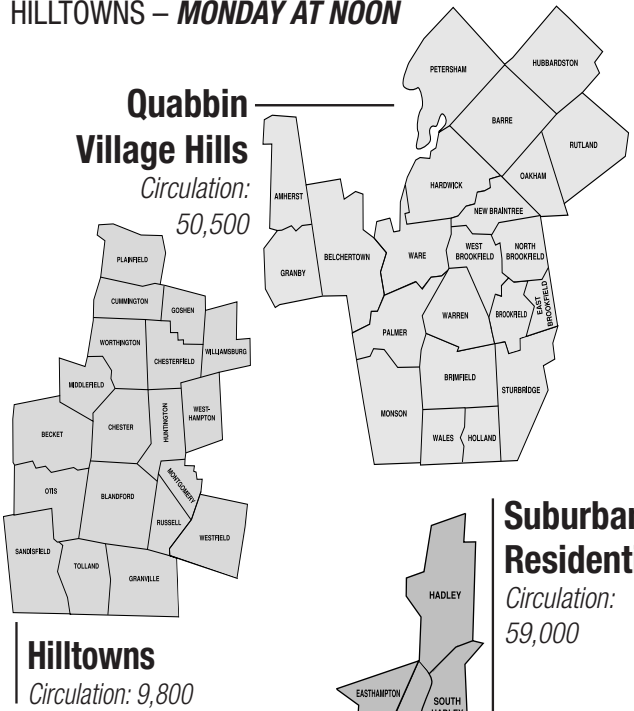
Find it
in our
Classified
section!

FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS MONEY MAKER

MAIL TO: Classifieds, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
or call toll free: 800-824-6548

DEADLINES: QUABBIN & SUBURBAN – **FRIDAY AT NOON**
HILLTOWNS – **MONDAY AT NOON**

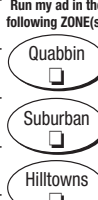
CATEGORY:			
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20
21	Base Price \$26.50	22	Base Price \$27.00
23	Base Price \$27.50	24	Base Price \$28.00
25	Base Price \$28.50	26	Base Price \$29.00
27	Base Price \$29.50	28	Base Price \$30.00
29	Base Price \$30.50	30	Base Price \$31.00
31	Base Price \$31.50	32	Base Price \$32.00
33	Base Price \$32.50	34	Base Price \$33.00
35	Base Price \$33.50	36	Base Price \$34.00
37	Base Price \$34.50	38	Base Price \$35.00
39	Base Price \$35.50	40	Base Price \$36.00



Buy the Quabbin Village Hills or
the Suburban Residential ZONE
for \$26.00 for 20 words plus
50¢ for each additional word.
Add \$10 for a second Zone
or add \$15 to run in
ALL THREE ZONES.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Number of Weeks: _____ X per week rate = \$ _____
Credit Card: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover ☐ Cash ☐ Check# _____
Card #: _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV _____
Amount of charge: _____ Date: _____

First ZONE base price _____ Includes additional words
Add a second ZONE **\$10.00**
Add a third ZONE **\$5.00**
Subtotal _____
x Number of Weeks _____
TOTAL Enclosed _____



OUR CLASSIFIEDS REACH 50 COMMUNITIES EVERY WEEK!

Classified Advertising

DEADLINES

QUABBIN & SUBURBAN
FRIDAY AT NOON

HILLTOWNS
MONDAY AT NOON



Community shows support for Second Chance

EAST BROOKFIELD – Navigating the COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for Second Chance, but community support for their vet hospital staff is helping to inspire a weary staff. From hand-made masks to gifts of cookies carrying sweet thank you notes to all the messages of support on social media and email, the community has embraced Second Chance with encouragement unlike ever before. Just this week, Second Chance announced a donor has offered to match up to \$10,000 in donations to help provide emergency funding and has already received over \$4,600 toward the goal.

Support began to swirl in the early days of the crisis when vol-

unteers, eager to help while safeguarding their own health, offered to make masks for staff as news of the mask shortage was breaking. Second Chance's Dr. Park was busy on her time off, researching the best patterns and making masks from home. Second Chance shared Dr. Park's tutorial with volunteers who began dropping their handiwork off at the North Brookfield hospital.

Heather Trombly, owner of heathercraftylove.com, which sells custom pet accessories and regularly donates 10 percent of sales to Second Chance, also started making masks to help protect hospital staff. Trombly said making the masks for Second Chance was important to her. "I'm teaching my two young

children to give. I'm teaching them that kindness comes first. That helping others in their time of need is essential," according to Trombly who added "I've loved animals since I was a little girl and my children love animals too. I just think what all of they do at Second Chance is amazing and this is my way of saying thank you." All the mask donations allowed Second Chance to donate their own supply of disposable masks to local hospitals to protect human healthcare staff on the frontline of the pandemic.

Second Chance began restricting access to hospital buildings and staff started retrieving pets from parking lots and sidewalks for appointments while pet owners attended exams vir-

tually. Soon, surprises started popping up. The North Brookfield hospital staff were treated to cookies from the owner of a dog named Missy, along with a note of support. At the Springfield hospital, the phones have been ringing off the hook and staff have been touched by how grateful pet owners have been to have somewhere to turn for help for their pets.

In Worcester, Second Chance staff discovered homemade masks and a Dunkin's gift card tucked inside a patient's carrier along with a sweet note thanking them for staying open to care for pets during the crisis. "From the earliest days of the COVID-19 outbreak, we began preparing contingencies to continue to be here for the pets that need

help right now," said CEO Sheryl Blancato, who is heartened by the show of support. "I am touched by all the messages we've received on social media and email. So many people are trying to find ways to help others as their own lives have been upended by the pandemic. They inspire us and help renew our weary staff."

Blancato is hopeful the emergency matching gift fundraiser will help the nonprofit cover all the added costs that come with operating during the crisis. Those interested in donating can donate online through the special fundraiser on the Second Chance Facebook page or the secondchanceanimals.org homepage. Checks mailed to Second Chance, 111 Young Road, East Brookfield,

MA 01515 with MATCH on the memo line will also be matched through April 30, 2020.

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations from grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield, and Worcester. Second Chance helps over 40,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, people may visit Second Chance's website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

Your BUYLINE CONNECTION

SPRING BLACK FRIDAY DEALS!
WE ARE OPEN TO SELL & DELIVER APPLIANCES
OVER 3,000 APPLIANCES IN STOCK FOR FAST DELIVERY OR PICK UP!
OVER 1,000 BIKES IN STOCK! WE REPAIR ALL BIKE MODELS!
SO COME ON IN FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS!
SEE OUR AD INSIDE THIS NEWSPAPER
0% FINANCING FOR 12 MONTHS
WHITCO Bad Credit? We Can Help!
OPEN: Mon.-Fri. 10am-9pm Sat. 9am-5pm Sun. 12pm-7pm
140 Main St., Spencer
508-885-9343
GO TO WHITCOSALES.COM

WARREN - \$249,900
2 bedroom Ranch with finished basement on 1.09 acres. Dining room has French doors which lead to a nice deck off the back of the house. Recent updates include roof, windows, interior doors. Pellet stove in the finished basement will be staying with the home. The finished basement gives you extra room as a family room, playroom or office. There is a huge shed for storing all of your yard equipment and toys! Enjoy a warm night while sitting by your fire pit. The lower back yard is cleared for garden or outdoor living space for picnics or a good game of horseshoes! This home is located on a nice country road yet minutes to major routes for commuters.

www.DorindaSellsHomes.com
978-434-1990

CENTURY 21 NORTH EAST
James D'Amico-Broker/Owner
109 West St., Ware
270 Main St., Spencer

WE ARE OPEN
LANDSCAPE STONE
Beige, Blush, Blue, Brown, Purple, Red, Lt Gray, Dk Gray, White
Credit/Debit Only
Screened Loam Stored in Building
Construction Stone • Construction Sand • Concrete Sand
Title V Septic Sand • Brick Sand • Sand Box Sand
Utility Sand • Stone Dust • Silt
Crushed Gravel • Crushed Asphalt • Crushed Concrete
Homeowner Friendly • No Minimums
PICK-UP OR CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR DELIVERY TODAY!
Bond
98 North Spencer Road,
Route 31N, Spencer, MA
508-885-6100
508-885-2480
Sand, Gravel & Asphalt
www.bondsandandgravel.com
WHERE EVERYONE GOES FOR THEIR PIECE OF THE EARTH!

SPRING is EARLY!!
Check out our Indoor Display
Concrete, Masonry, and Landscape Needs
CONCRETE SOLUTIONS
199 East Broadway (Rt. 2A), Gardner
978-669-0088
KEYSTONE RETAINING WALLS
Mon.-Fri. 7:00-4:30

SUMMERfest 2020
Your Guide to Local Summer Activities & Vacation Destinations

PLACE YOUR AD IN NEW ENGLAND'S #1 SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE*

Contact Dan Flynn Today!
413-967-3505

Turley Publications, Inc.
- A TURLEY PUBLICATION -
WWW.TURLEY.COM

ARMY OF 1
• NEW INSTALLATIONS
• SERVICING ALL EQUIPMENT
James Morse - Cell: 774-200-0225

WATER FILTRATION
774-200-0225
WE'RE LOCAL!
• SERVICE PLANS AVAILABLE
• WELL TANK & PUMP SERVICE
www.armyof1waterfiltration.com



LIVING SPACES
2020

Contact Dan Flynn About Advertising!
413-967-3505

A fresh look into homes and living in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut

Turley Publications, Inc.
- A TURLEY PUBLICATION -
WWW.TURLEY.COM

EXIT Real Estate Executives
\$439,900 STURBRIDGE
Gorgeous colonial in Tall Pines! This oversized home offers a lg front to back fire placed living room, a beautifully remodeled eat in kitchen with new stainless steel appliances, new pantry, new granite counter tops and a large custom built island! Formal dining rm & 1st floor laundry in the mud room! Massive master suite with 3 walk in closets, 2 double closets and even extra storage areas within the closets! The master bathroom offers a newly tiled double shower, a lg jetted tub & a double vanity! Bedrooms 2, 3 & 4 are nicely sized with lots of closet space! Pull down attic. 2 nice big finished rooms in the basement plus a lot more storage! Brand new high end AC condensers, brand new hardwoods throughout the house and new hardwood stair treads to the 2nd floor, new hybrid water heater & new touch up paint! 2 car att garage, paved driveway, brand new walkway, great sized deck and a big back yard! This home has it all! Close to the MA Pike & Rts 84,9 & 20! Tantasqua schools!

MICHELLE TERRY TEAM 508-202-0008

YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS
23 Fiskdale Road
Brookfield, MA 01506
Michelle Terry - Broker/Owner
508-735-8744
Broker/Owner
michelleterryteam.com

Start your next move with Stewart!
Professional Photography
Floor Plans - Social Media Ads
ABC TV Show Promotion
Brochures - Postcards - Print Ads
Targeted Online Advertising

BUYING • SELLING • RELOCATING
STEWART & STEWART
413-387-8608
Nathan.Stewart@NEMoves.com • StewartandStewartHomes.com

F.T. SMITH SAND & GRAVEL CO
Washed & Double Washed
Crushed Stone
Washed Sand • Stone Dust
Natural Round Landscaping Stone
Screened Loam • Crushed Gravel
PLANT LOCATION
53 Brooks Pond Rd., North Brookfield, MA
508.867.0400

WOW! LOOK AT THESE DINNER SPECIALS!
BBQ Chicken Dinner
Salisbury Steaks
Chef's Special Steak
Feature Soup Available:
Ham & Bean
Open Sun.-Wed. 8am-2pm
Thurs.-Sat. 8am-8pm
E.B. Flatts
245 W. Main, E. Brookfield • **508-867-6643**

TAKE-OUT ONLY PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO RESERVE YOUR DINNER

Memorial Day Special Edition

In our May 21st edition, we will be honoring those fallen men and women who served bravely on behalf of our Nation.

If your business, organization or even individually, would like to advertise a message of gratitude or appreciation, please contact **Dan Flynn**, dflynn@turley.com **413-297-5886** or **Tim Mara**, tmara@turley.com **978-355-2254**.